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A DIVERSE LOOK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS

University of Minnesota, Morris

Volume I, Edition 1, Fall 1996

Welcome to the first edition of *Profile*, a publication produced by the Office of University Relations at UMM in cooperation with the UMM Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of the Chancellor.

Since its inauguration as an undergraduate liberal arts institution, UMM has matured, becoming an institution of outreach. While still serving west central Minnesota, we have continued to grow as a global institution. Thus, we continually have new stories to share and new audiences to reach.

Profile will offer a diverse look on a broad range of topics about the University of Minnesota, Morris. In the words of alum Dennis Gimmestad ('73), "...really we have a multifaceted clientele - alums, friends, current UMM staff, University administration, the area community..." Each edition will hopefully present news from UMM that gives each facet of our reading audience something to sink their teeth into.

We will share with you UMM news of the present as well as our vision for UMM's future. We invite your comments in each edition through our *You Said It* column (turn to page 11).

As in our previous publication, *UMM to You*, we will include class notes about our alumni so that you can keep in contact with each other through the pages of this publication.

And now, we present the first issue of *Profile*...

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Minority Alumni Mentorship Program gets boost from American Express grant

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Thanks to leadership from alumni and funding from the American Express Minnesota Philanthropic Program, minority students at the University of Minnesota, Morris will benefit from the wisdom, advice, and career connections of their alumni counterparts.

A grant awarded by the American Express Minnesota Philanthropic Program will help the UMM Alumni Association, the MSP Alumni Association, and the Offices of Alumni Relations and Minority Student Programs at the University of Minnesota, Morris to establish a Minority Alumni Mentorship Program. The program will utilize volunteer resources to link minority alumni, American Express employees, and current undergraduate minority students to facilitate their success in completing college and achieving successful careers.

The Minority Alumni Mentorship Program will translate the encouragement and support of successful UMM minority alumni into a continuum of assistance ranging from mentoring to career networking. Alumni employees of American Express have been helpful in the planning of this program, and will continue to serve in volunteer capacities as the program is implemented.

UMM assistant to the chancellor for external affairs Madeline Maxeiner, who wrote and submitted the grant request, said, "We are pleased that the American Express Philanthropic Program has chosen to fund this project. Thanks to their support, our minority students will gain valuable help from minority alumni to succeed at UMM and in their early careers. We are grate-



AMERICAN EXPRESS DIVISION vice president Bill Bezdichek, Maddy Maxeiner, and Bill Stewart with local American Express representatives Mike Kloubec and Jim Delaney.

ful both to American Express and our alumni volunteers for creating this student resource." Maxeiner also serves as the UMM director of alumni relations.

William Stewart, director of the UMM Minority Student Program, and Tom Mahoney, director of UMM Grants Development, also facilitated the grant proposal. Says Stewart, "This award demonstrates that a difference can be made in the lives of students of color through this collaboration of the business community, the University, and both the UMM and MSP (Minority Student Program) alumni."

Morris representatives for American Express Financial Advisors, Mike Kloubec and Jim Delaney, expressed their pleasure in working with UMM and the mentorship program. "The

impetus for this grant actually came from UMM alumni that work for both the corporate and field offices of the company. We are happy to support this excellent program."

The American Express Minnesota Philanthropic Program focuses on programs that "support economic independence and responsibility through each stage of life." Minneapolis based American Express Financial Advisors, acquired by American Express in 1984, is a 101-year-old company that provides financial plans and the products and services to implement those plans to nearly two million clients through nearly 8,000 financial advisers nationwide. (Maddy Maxeiner contributed to this article.)

Opening day of classes marks 37th year

Enrollment shows increase in student transfers

Approximately 558 new freshmen and 94 transfer students stepped onto Morris soil as a new crop of students joined those returning to class September 25 at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Says UMM Chancellor David Johnson: "One of the most interesting aspects of this year's entering class is the large number who are transferring from other institutions. An increased number of transfer students fit into Morris' strategic plan very well. They enter classes which are the least likely to be oversubscribed.

"They bring experience and perspective from having been in other institutions. I hope their numbers will continue to increase."

On an average, incoming freshmen ranked in the top 15 percent of their high school graduating classes. Fifty percent of new students are from the top 10 percent of their high school class (30 percent in the top 5 percent). The average ACT (American College Testing) score is 25. Thirty-seven entering freshmen graduated

as valedictorians or salutatorians.

"We are very pleased that UMM continues to attract top students from around

the state and region," commented Rodney Oto, director of admissions and financial aid

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NEW FACULTY Front: Susan Bernardin, Mark Gilbert, Yimin Yang, Barbara Burke, Margaret Beth Cherne, Julie Patterson-Pratt. Back: Heather Hoehn, James Derrick Head, Ty Buckman, John Hartman, Charles Deutch.

Chancellor's Advisory Council

The third meeting of the current Chancellor's Advisory Council took place at UMM on October 25. Members of the CAC are Ted Almen, Kerkhoven, editor and publisher of the Kerkhoven Banner; Russel Fischer, Milbank, S.D., resident vice president of the Milbank Insurance Co. and president of the South Dakota Insurance Alliance; Richard Gandrud, president of The Eagle Bank, Glenwood; Vernae Hasbargen, executive director of the Minnesota Rural Education Association, Alexandria; Cheryl Iverson, Willmar, parent educator and former editor of the labor publication West Central Area Union News; Audrey Kolnes, executive director of the West Central Community Action Program, Alexandria; Audrey Krebs, Breckenridge, high school teacher and Wilkin County Commissioner; Lowell Larson, executive director of the West Central Initiative Fund, Fergus Falls; Ed Nystrom, superintendent of the Montevideo Public Schools; and Dale Peterson, Sunburg, president of Companion Care by ServiceMaster.

The Advisory Council was established in 1992 and is comprised of leaders from varying sectors of professional activity who serve for three-year terms. They are chosen for their variety of perspectives and their potential ability to expand UMM's sphere of influence in several directions and disseminate UMM's message more effectively.

The next meeting of the CAC will be April 1997.

U Cards

Students who are new to the campus will need to rely on a driver's license or other form of identification to replace the traditional University of Minnesota identification card, at least for the fall quarter. A new form of identification system, called the U Card, which is now being used on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses, has not yet been implemented on the Morris campus. The U card, which will include a photo, is a combination student identification, library card, access card for long distance calling, and ATM cash card. Anyone who is registered for classes at UMM will receive the new U Card, which will be honored at any University of Minnesota campus.

Queer Issues Committee

A new committee, comprised of UMM staff, faculty and students who identify with or are supportive of the GLBT community, was formed during spring quarter 1996 to address issues concerning the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people at UMM. The members have chosen to name this organization the Queer Issues Committee. The term "queer" was selected for its all-encompassing nature. Although the word "queer" has had negative connotations in the past, it has been reclaimed by the GLBT community as a positive label.

For more information, contact the committee at their e-mail address: queercmt@cda.mrs.umn.edu.

Name That Service

To reflect the changes in its mission to the campus, Audio Visual Services has changed its name to Media Services.

at UMM. "We clearly understand the competition for these students and know that it is not by chance that many end up at UMM. We continue to be a very good buy for many who are interested in a high quality education."

In addition to incoming students, the UMM and Morris communities welcome 22 new UMM faculty and academic staff members. "This year's 'class' of new faculty is the largest, the most diverse and one of the most exciting in UMM's history," said Samuel Schuman, UMM vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean.

In the **Division of Education, Wellness and Sport Science**: Kenneth Crandall, assistant football coach, head track coach, lecturer, B.A., Fort Hays (Kan.) State University, M.A., Pittsburg (Kan.) State University; Heather Hoehn, head coach women's volleyball and softball, lecturer, B.A., Bucknell University, Lewisville, Pa., M.A., Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio; John Parker, head football coach and lecturer; Fredrick Reed, assistant football coach and assistant to the sports information director, B.S., Mesa State College, Grand Junction, Colo. (from University of Nebraska-Omaha); Robert Webb, assistant football coach; and Penny Schmidgall, assistant volleyball coach.

Five new faculty members have been hired in the **Division of the Humanities**. They are Susan Bernardin, assistant professor, English, B.A., Princeton (N.J.) University, Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz; Ty Buckman, instructor, English, B.A., Nyack (N.Y.) College; Barbara Burke, assistant professor, speech communication, B.S., M.A., Ph.D., Purdue University; Margaret Beth Cherne, assistant professor, theater, B.A., University of Wisconsin-

Language Teaching Center on UMM Horizon

A University-wide request to the Minnesota Legislature for classroom improvement funding has resulted in a \$100,000 allocation for the University of Minnesota, Morris. And UMM vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean Samuel Schuman has allocated the money toward "what I believed was the single most pressing instructional facility need we had at that time — the old non-functional language lab."

Said Schuman, "We allocated most of that money to create a new, interactive, technologically state-of-the-art Language Teaching Center."

Work will begin on the center this fall.

Center director Erica Rosch, also an instructor in French at UMM, says the classroom represents a whole new approach to teaching languages, incorporating the use of new technologies and computer-assisted instructional software.

"The Language Teaching Center will evolve from a renovation of the existing language lab," said Rosch. "While we've entered the computer age, the existing facilities are remnant of the 60s and 70s."

The new facility will be equipped with 15 computer Power Mac 7500 stations. Language courses in French, German and Spanish, part of the current curriculum, will continue to be offered, as well as ITV (interactive television) courses in Russian, Latin, Ojibway and Chinese. While teaching methods currently use audio and video tapes, the Language Teaching Center will allow faculty to integrate CD-ROM programs, World Wide Web, and other multimedia programs into their teaching.



NEW FACULTY front: Nancy South, David Wuolu, Paula O'Loughlin. back: James Carson, Heather Hoehn, Golam Farooque.

sin-Superior, M.A., Ph.D., University of Minnesota; and Julie Patterson-Pratt, assistant professor, theater, B.A., Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, Neb.

The **Division of Science and Mathematics** has added four new faculty members. They are Charles Deutch, assistant professor, biology, B.A., Reed College, Portland, Ore.; Ph.D., University of California, Riverside; Mark Gilbert, instructor, computer science, B.A., Carleton College, Northfield, M.S., Mankato State University; John Hartman, assistant professor, chemistry, B.S., St. John's University, Collegeville, Ph.D. expected, Montana State University; and James Derrick Head, instructor, mathematics, B.S., Tennessee State University, Nashville, Ph.D. expected, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

In the **Division of the Social Sciences**, new faculty include James Carson, assistant professor, psychology, B.A., University of Denver, M.A., Ph.D., University of

Illinois; Paula O'Loughlin, assistant professor, political science, B.A., Smith College, Northampton, Mass., Ph.D. expected, University of Minnesota; and Golam Farooque, assistant professor, economics, B.S., M.S., Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, M.S., Ph.D., Northeastern University, Boston, Mass.

Nathan Golla and Aimee Gish, admissions counselors, both B.A., UMM; Nancy South, disabilities coordinator, B.A., Moorhead (Minn.) State University; Deavay Tyler, community programs assistant for the Minority Student Program, B.A., UMM; Patrick Conroy, coordinator, Center for Small Towns, University College-Morris; and David Wuolu, assistant librarian, Rodney Briggs Library, B.A., mathematics and German, Saint John's University, 1992, M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, library and information studies, 1994, join the academic professional and administrative staff at UMM.

Cougar Hall of Fame

1970 football team is first team inductee

In 1970, the UMM football team became the first team in UMM history to win an NIC football championship. Now, some 26 years later, that team has scored another first -- the first team induction into the Cougar Hall of Fame. The Fourth Annual Cougar Hall of Fame Banquet and Ceremony was held October 26 during Homecoming weekend at UMM.

The Cougars finished the 1970 NIC schedule with a record of 5-1 and a three-way tie for the championship with Michigan Tech and St. Cloud State. The Cougars needed a victory over Michigan Tech in the final weekend of conference play to earn their share of the conference title.

The coaching staff, led by Mike Simpson, did an outstanding job of blending talent and producing results. The 1970 Cougar football team was obviously well-balanced.

They did not lead the league in any one offensive or defensive category but were near the leaders in all of them.

Thirteen players are listed in the individual rushing statistics.

Nine players caught passes during the season.

Seven players had interceptions.

There were many outstanding individual performances, but clearly it was a team that relied on a number of players to be successful.

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Summer highlighted by prolific press coverage

UMM gets *Star Tribune* Metro front coverage

UMM received much coverage in the media this past summer, the kind that many agree, "money can't buy."

Minneapolis *Star Tribune* staff writer Gregor Pinney spent four days on the campus, on assignment to cover the University Board of Regents September visit (see the Chancellor's column on this page). What he experienced here resulted in a Metro/State front page story on UMM's extraordinary success in keeping and graduating its minority students.

About 14 percent of UMM's students are members of minority groups, Pinney found. That's the highest minority enrollment on the university's four campuses. Forty-seven percent of students who entered in 1990 graduated.

Pinney cited the UMM "personal touch," financial aid incentives, and bonding with students as some of the factors that contribute to the success of UMM's minority recruitment, retention and graduation.

Money Magazine

Public liberal arts colleges were ranked among the nation's best values in higher education because of their affordability and high-quality academics, according to *Money* magazine's 1997 annual college guide, "Your Best College Buys Now."

Among those listed, the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Time, Newsweek College Guides

UMM is also listed this year in college guides published by *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines. While being listed as a top public liberal arts college at an affordable cost is not new to UMM,

the college guides are the first to be offered by the two national magazines.

Time and *Newsweek* join *Money* magazine, *Peterson's Guide to Colleges*, and other periodicals for the first time in their annual listings of colleges and universities across the country. *Time* magazine and The Princeton Review teamed up to produce the 1997 edition of "The Best College for You—And How to Get In," based on the premise that "there is no one 'best college'." But there is a college that is best for you." The magazine includes an overview of today's college scene, a comprehensive directory with information on more than 1,200 colleges, a self-evaluation to help high school students in their search, and rankings of the top academic programs from The Gourman Report.

"How to Get Into College" is the new annual guide from Kaplan Educational Centers and *Newsweek*. The contents include sections on choosing a college, devising a strategy, writing an application, and paying the bills. A college planning calendar pull-out, practice SAT Test, and directory of colleges are also featured.

U.S. News & World Report

University of Minnesota, Morris graduates were judged to carry the ninth-lowest debt load of students in liberal arts colleges across the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* annual America's Best College issue which hit the newsstands in September.

Overall the magazine reported that University of Minnesota students get a good value for their education dollar.

A Conversation With...

Chancellor David Johnson



David Johnson

Or "How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

My teacher, Ms. Riley, has given me my first assignment, to write an essay about how I spent my summer vacation.

Judy Riley has added to her duties as coordinator of University Relations, the responsibility for the retitled and redesigned publication you are now reading, *Profile*. Meanwhile, my teacher for the last six years, Ms. Maxeiner -- Maddy -- continues to supervise Alumni Relations, but is changing a part of her assignment in order to assist me in developing documents which will facilitate our campus' strategic planning.

Ms. Riley is going to be strict, just like Ms. Maxeiner was. She'll insist my assignments be handed in on time. She'll need to be strict, for this new *Profile* will involve a change of focus from the earlier *UMM to You*. That publication, as you know, focused upon alumni news. Judy, without neglecting alumni, will be developing more stories focusing upon other key Morris campus publics: our advisory council, donor community, faculty and staff, parents of present students. It's all a part of our intentional campaign to spread the Morris Story as widely as possible.

Well, Ms. Riley, one way I spent my summer was to help us get ready for the meeting of the Board of Regents on the campus in early September. It was the first time the regents had met in Morris since 1988, and thus my first experience at hosting the group. In fact, only three of the present regents were on the board in fall 1990, the last time the group met outside the Twin Cities. (Individual or small groups of board members travel here and elsewhere in the state on occasion but, in order to achieve cost savings, the entire board has not done so for six years. The economies have been important, but they would have their price if the regents should lose perspective on the statewide mission of the University of Minnesota.)

At a large community-campus dinner the first evening, an event attended by community and campus leaders, I borrowed from the current political phrase-makers, saying, "It takes a whole village to host a Board of Regents." Believe me, that's true. The 12 regents volunteer their time to guide a university with annual revenues of 1.8 billion dollars a year and with policy issues of the utmost complexity. Their visits require large numbers of staff to

travel with them. The media follow the meetings closely. Small wonder that persons selected by the legislature to serve as regents are often said to hold the most important volunteer assignment in the state of Minnesota.

Even though classes were not yet in session, the local turnout for the meetings here was substantial. Our plant services staff had the campus looking immaculate. Other campus staff was inundated with messages to relay to our guests. Our food service served large numbers. Our student musicians came back to perform. Our friends from the area turned out to do their own impressive version of The Morris Welcome.

Though the central focus of the meeting was about the board's explorations of ways to revise the University's tenure code, those matters are being thoroughly reported by the press. I will focus here upon the opportunities we had to speak with the regents about issues specific to Morris.

Science division chair Mike Korth and associate vice chancellor for physical plant and master planning Lowell Rasmussen gave a campus tour -- which is itself down to a science -- a trip through our Science building. Visitors come out of that "Chamber of Horrors" and trek into the labs in the basement of the Physical Education Annex, looking, in the words of one legislator, "simply appalled." Then they walk past rooms consistently unadapted to faculty-student research or the poorly-ventilated chemistry labs with a keen understanding of why we are so aggressively seeking legislative funding for a new facility. I think they hear us clearly when we point out that we simply will not be able to continue to recruit so many first-rate students interested in the sciences with our second-rate facility.

We had other opportunities to tell the Morris Story. Gary McGrath reported about our continuing commitment to become a campus of diversity. Note elsewhere in this issue, a reference to Minneapolis *Star Tribune* staff writer Gregor Pinney's article, "Morris campus keeping, graduating its minorities." ("...at Morris, 47% of the (minority) students that entered in 1990 graduated. That's better than the rate for white students in the Twin Cities...") At another session we told how we spend our allocated dollars by comparing our patterns with those at "The Morris 14," six public and eight private liberal arts institutions of our size, mission and high level of student selectivity. It was a good way for us to show that we are a tightly-managed operation. Finally, we commented upon ways we are working with institutions in the state universities, community and technical colleges, e.g., cooperating with Moorhead State to send our student teachers to schools in other nations.

Well, Ms. Riley, that's the tale of the Board of Regents visit to Morris. It helped to make for a full summer.

Regents' Visit...



BOARD OF REGENTS MASTER PLAN CELEBRATION Larry Anderson, director of master planning, Twin Cities campus; Regent Jean B. Keffeler; C. Eugene Allen, provost for professional studies, Twin Cities; and (in background) Regent Hyon Kim.



CHANCELLOR WITH SPEAKER Chancellor David Johnson talks to speaker George Keller, education consultant, award-winning writer and editor of *Planning for Higher Education*. Keller spoke at the Master Plan Celebration during the Board of Regents visit to UMM in September.

Planned Giving

Vivian Heltemes, Director, Fund Development

"I wish I could give more to UMM" are words I often hear when speaking with donors. There are many ways for our alumni and friends to "give more." It's what we in the fundraising field call "planned giving." "Planned giving" allows you to *maximize your tax and financial benefits*, allowing you to make a gift you may not have thought possible. By planning the form and timing of your gifts, you may find you can give more at a lower cost.

One of the easiest ways to leave your mark at UMM is by making a gift through your estate; through your will, life insurance, or a retirement plan. In this column we will concentrate on wills.

Through your will you distribute your property as you wish; providing for your family and other dependents, and making gifts to those causes you consider important. There are many reasons to create a will.

1) **As a means to distribute property.** Without a will, a state court will follow a set of general rules to disburse your assets which probably will not coincide with your personal situation.

2) **To name a guardian.** If you have minor children, you can suggest the most suitable guardian for them. Otherwise, the court will likely choose the closest qualified relative,

which may not be in the best interest of your child or in the appointed guardian's plans.

3) **To benefit from trusts.** A trust is an agreement to transfer money or assets to another person (a trustee) for management. Sometimes there are tax benefits. Trust can be set up during your lifetime or through your will to take effect at your death. They can be irrevocable or revocable.

4) **To name a personal representative or "executor"** to speed up the settlement of your estate. This person is responsible for collecting the assets of your estate, paying creditors, managing your property, and distributing the property to the individuals and charitable institutions named in your will.

5) **To eliminate extra taxes and unnecessary legal expenses.** There may be inheritance taxes or death taxes to consider. Consult your attorney for the laws applicable within your state. Dying without a will may result in attorney fees required to put your estate in proper order for distribution. These fees come out of your estate.

6) **To reach personal goals.** After you have arranged for your family's well-being, remember special causes that are important to you. Any property passed to a qualified charity at death is entitled to an unlimited federal estate tax deduction. Unless you

make the gift in your will or with another contract, no part of your estate can go to a charitable institution. Four simple and popular ways to make a bequest are through:

- gifts of specific property such as appreciated real estate or securities
- collections of books or works of art
- a percentage of your estate
- a fixed amount
- or the 'residue' of your estate - that property remaining after other bequests have been fulfilled.

Your will is an individual document drafted with your needs and wishes in mind. To ensure your objectives are met, we strongly encourage you to seek competent legal counsel. Should you choose to provide a gift to the University of Minnesota, Morris, through your will, please contact Vivian Heltemes, director of fund development, UMM, 312 Behmler Hall, Morris, MN 56267, phone (320)589-6067.

Thanks...

To Paul ('75) and Delmar "Bud" Rentz ('93), of Rentz Agency in Morris. They donated the apartment-size refrigerator, won by UMM junior Jennifer Cole at the Business Expo during this fall's New Student Orientation. Says Paul, "This shows that there are many ways in which alumni can contribute back to UMM..." Thanks to all business and organizations who took part in this year's Expo!

Class Agents Desired for reunion years '70-'72, '76, and '88-'89

For more information call
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Third-Annual Mid Winter Night's Dream UMM Alumni Gathering

Thursday
February 20, 1996
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Summit Manor
Reception House
275 Summit
Avenue, St. Paul

•Live entertainment
•Food and beverages
•Mini-reunions
•Network
opportunities w/ other
UMM alumni

Compliments of the UMM Alumni
Association

Faculty and Staff

David Hoppe, professor of biology, is part of a team of University and Pollution Control Agency researchers awarded a grant from the Minnesota Commission on Natural Resources to study outbreaks of deformed leopard frogs that have occurred throughout the state in 1994-95.

Assistant professor of political science **Seung-Ho Joo** was awarded a residential fellowship from the Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Kyungnam University, Seoul. He is working on a research project on "Gorbachev's Foreign Policy Toward the Korean Peninsula" at the Institute, while serving as a visiting professor of the SSPK Program.

Professor of history **Jack Imholte** is one of 11 Minnesotans who have been named to an advisory committee to help search for a new president of the University of Minnesota. The board of regents made their choices for the committee from a list of nine names submitted by the faculty and three each from eight other entities.

Elizabeth S. Blake, professor of French, spoke at the Annual Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) Conference held in June at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va. Her presentation at the opening session was from a paper titled "High Goals for Public Higher Education: The Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges."

The Nabokovian (Number 36) contains abstracts of two essays by vice chancellor for academic affairs **Samuel Schuman**: "Gogolian Syntactic Tactics in Nabokov's Prose" (presented at the 12/95 MLA meeting) and "Nabokov's Eye," presented at the March 1995 meeting of the Philological Association of the Carolinas. Schuman is the past president of the Vladimir Nabokov Society, and the author of one book and numerous articles on the mid-20th century Russian/American author.

Director of media services **Roger Boleman** celebrated 30 years with the University. According to Roger he started at KUOM, the University tv station which was housed in a metal addition to Eddy Hall. He was in the control booth while Garrison Keillor was an announcer there. He has been at UMM for 28 years.

Chancellor **David Johnson** has been invited to be on the North Central evaluation team in November. The team is charged with examining a new institution, University of Arizona's Arizona International University. AIU is intended by the Arizona regents to be a small selective institution, much like UMM.

Associate professor of speech communication **Mary Elizabeth Bezanson** will participate at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Speech Communication Association in November. She will serve as a panelist on the topic of "Program: Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs: The Supreme Court, The Audio Tapes of Oral Arguments, and Freedom of Expression."

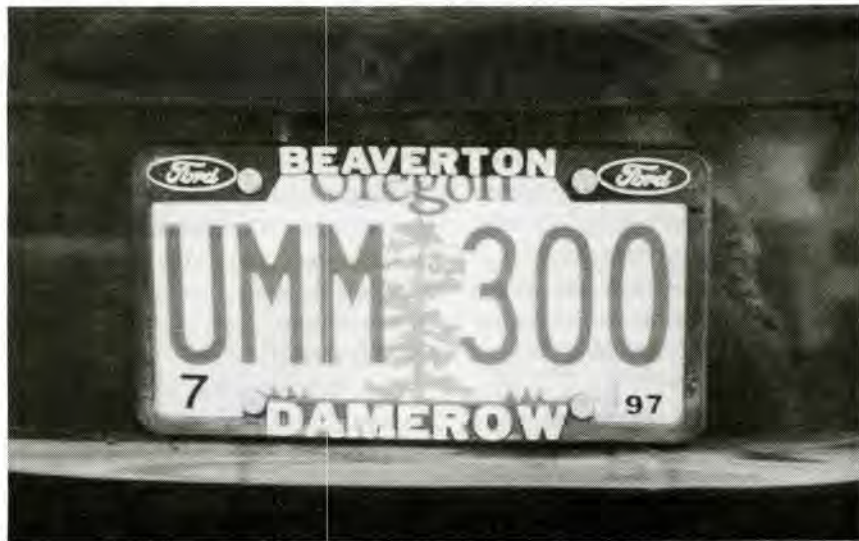
Head wrestling coach **Doug Reese** was re-elected to USA Wrestling's Steering Committee and elected to serve on the Women's Wrestling Committee at the USA Wrestling Fall Board of Directors Meeting. Reese begins his third two-year term on the USA Wrestling board. In addition, he has qualified for the Gold level in USA Wrestling's National Coaches Education Program. The Gold level is the highest achievement available in coaches education in wrestling.

Staff changes: **Lauren Oujiri** has resigned from Student Counseling and moved to Colorado. **Bruce Baumgartner** has been hired in the Admissions Office. **Colleen Frey** has resigned, and **Diane Gjerset** from the West Central Experiment Station has assumed the

Snippet

snip•pet (snip'it) **n.** [dim. of SNIP] a small, snipped piece; small scrap or portion, specif. of information, a book, etc.

What are the odds?



George Fosgate, former UMM professor of theatre arts writes:

The story behind the license plates is truly unbelievable. We bought the car in Oregon last summer, then drove it back to Minnesota to prepare for the move to Oregon. The plates were mailed to us and when we opened the package and saw them we couldn't believe it. We DID NOT order any specific plates. It had to be fate! We tried to think of the significance of the "300" and could only estimate that it was the approximate number of months that I was ON SALARY at UMM -- 32 years times nine months, add on five-week summer sessions, count sabbaticals as only 1/2 months because I was on half salary? I don't know, but I think it was close!

What "retirement"? I'm just as busy now but with different projects. I'm a freelance actor and director. I have acted in three shows and directed one since March, and done one promotional video for the U.S. Bank. I'm going to take some time off from now until the new year (unless the money is right). Best wishes to whoever remembers us.

Do you have a brief tale related to UMM that you would like to share? Send it to *Snippet*, c/o Profile, University Relations, 11 Education, UMM, Morris, MN 56267. We'll share as many as we can on a space-available basis in each issue. Please don't get into a snit about your snippet if we snip it to fit.

35 Years of Cougar Football

Thirty-five years of Cougar football started in 1961 under the direction of **Bruce Rolloff**. Coach Rolloff had a short stay at UMM with a record of 0-4-1.

From 1962-66, the Cougars were led by **Richard Borstad**. Coach Borstad finished with a record of 14-28.

The next coach to take the field was Mike Simpson, 1967-71. Coach Simpson had a combined record of 29 wins, 13 losses, and one tie.

Also here for a short stay was Coach **Don Turner**, who finished his UMM career with a combined record of eight wins and two losses after one year.

Coach **Al Molde** took the reins in 1973 to lead the Cougars to a combined record of 51 wins, 19 losses, and one tie over seven years.

Enter **Dick Smith**. After two years of coaching, his record was 16 wins, five losses, and two ties.

In 1982, the direction was taken over by the Lewis and Kluck show. **Mel Lewis** and **Darrel Kluck** shared the head coaching duties for one year and ended with a record of four wins, two losses and two ties.

Jim Lind took the stage in 1983. After four seasons, Coach Lind finished with a combined record of 21 wins and 16 losses.

The ball was then passed to **Stan Zweifel** in 1987. He finished with a record of 21 wins and 20 losses in 1990.

In 1991, Coach **Mick Caba** took over to lead the Cougars to four wins and 18 losses after two years.

The next coach to step in was **Jay Mills**. Coach Mills directed the Cougars for three and one-half years, ending with a combined record of three wins and 21 losses. Finishing that season was **Steve Barrows**, whose UMM career was marked by no wins and seven losses.

Now in their 36th year, the Cougars are under the direction of first-year coach **John Parker**. Parker holds a bachelor of science degree in physical education from Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo.; and was awarded a master of science degree in sports medicine from the United States Sports Academy in 1990.

Cougar Football Achievements:

NIC Champs

1970, 1975, 1976,
1977, 1978, 1984,
1986, 1987

NCAA Playoffs

1977, 1978, 1979,
1980, 1981

Wrestling coaches attend first annual golf classic

Twenty-four participants representing UMM classes in the 70s, 80s and 90s, including all five present and former coaches of UMM wrestling, attended the first annual Cougar Wrestling Golf Classic this summer.

The golfers raised \$250 toward the UMM Gold Club.

Kudos go to the foursome of Steve Carr, Rich Richter, Doug Dufty and Gary McGrath who turned in the lowest score for the scramble tournament. Results of the on-course games were Jay Dufty and Greg Peterson for Closest to Pin on Par 3's; Tom Beyer and Doug Reese for Longest Putts; Rich Richter and Doug Dufty for the Longest Drive.

Next year's Classic is set for Sunday, Aug. 3, at Blueberry Pines in Menasha, Minn., with golfing to begin at 1 p.m.



CLASSIC COACHES GATHER AT CLASSIC Present and former UMM wrestling coaches pause for a photo. Leif Lee, Doug Dufty, Craig Olson, Steve Carr, and Doug Reese.

Keeping Score with the Cougars

Sports Information Director Broderick Powell

Football

The outlook is a positive one for the UMM football program for the 1996 season. New head coach John Parker welcomes back 11 starters -- six on defense, five on offense -- and has a very optimistic feeling about this season. Parker will supplement his core of returning starters with a pretty good recruiting class.

"We have a good nucleus of starters, but finding depth is going to be our biggest challenge," says Parker. "We are looking for immediate help at many positions. We are going to look at some young players and transfers to come in and play a lot of football for us real quick."

Parker and his Cougars will certainly need a positive outlook in 1996 as they face a tough Division II schedule. "We have three tough out-of-conference games; also, we play in a tough conference. It's a very challenging schedule. I think we are going to have a better football team this year. Our team is excited about it. It is a great opportunity to go out and establish our program."

Head coach Parker is joined by assistant coaches Ken Crandall, Kyle Norton, Dave Prather, Fred Reed, and Robb Webb.

When *Profile* went to press, the Cougar football team record stood at 0-4 overall, 0-1 in conference play.

Volleyball

The 1995 Cougar volleyball team completed its season last year with an overall record of 18-14. Their conference record was 8-4, placing them second in the NSIC.

The 1996 Cougar squad entered the season with an entirely new coaching staff. Head coach Heather Hoen is a 1994 graduate of Bucknell University. She spent the past two years at Muskingum College earning a master's degree and coaching volleyball and softball. Assistant coach Penny Schmidgall is a UMM graduate and former softball standout.

The team will be led by senior captains Kathy Ellsworth, Wells, and Jill Pollard, Grand Forks, N.D. Ellsworth, an All-Conference Honorable Mention selection, again assumes the setting duties for the Cougars. Junior Josie Hoffman, Starbuck, and sophomore Rachel Vigness, Climax, play dual roles as right side hitters and/or setters. Freshmen Laura Lunderby, Watertown, and Kristel Taubert, Pipestone, are also setters.

Outside hitting positions are strong with Pollard who combines with outside hitter Erika Bailey, Williams. With the loss of All-Conference middle hitter Alissa Swenson to graduation ('96), the middle hitting duties will fall on the shoulders of several players. Sophomores Sarah Huschle, Thief River Falls, Anna Townsend, Esko, and freshman Laura Higgins, Annandale, as well as freshmen Ceci Sabol, Bloomington, Nathalie Zierden, Richmond, and Beth Ronning, Rapid City, S.D., are contenders for this spot.

Top contenders for the outside hitting position are Heather Kappes, Brainerd, Anita Helman, Foley, and Cara Santelli, Virginia. Friendly Vang, St. Paul, and Kristy Herman, Little Falls, will see time as diggers for the Cougars.

Coach Hoehn comments, "The Cougars worked extremely hard during pre-season learning both a new offense

and defense. This team is composed of people who are not satisfied with anything less than their best. Expect to see us at the top of the conference standings." At press time, the volleyball Cougars' record stands at 6-12 overall, 3-2 in the conference.

Golf

The men's golf team is playing well this fall. Senior Shane Eastman, Onamia, is averaging 78.2 strokes per round and junior Mitch Olson, Fergus Falls, is 78.6 strokes per round. Senior John Hennessey, Blaine, junior Mark Moshier, Little Falls, sophomore Justin Ogg, Prior Lake; and freshman Scott Shosted, Paynesville, have all contributed scores to the team totals. The Cougars recently finished in a tie for sixth place at the 16-team Erv Kaiser Invitational hosted by North Dakota State University.

The women's golf team is much improved this fall. They are led by junior Andrea VanEnglenhoven from Fargo, N. D. Freshmen Jana Bunjer, Ivanhoe, and Sarah Gravalin, Park Rapids, along with senior Amber Neff, Bemidji, and sophomores Paula Mack, Deer River, and Nicole Neu, Richmond, have all contributed to the team scoring.

Golf coach Gary McGrath is at the helm of the men's golf team. Athletic director Mark Fohl is coaching the women's golf team.



VOLLEYBALL COACHES Heather Hoen and Penny Schmidgall

CLASS OF '64

Eileen (Benson) Eastman and her husband Walter died in an automobile crash near Glenwood, Minn., in late May. Ellen graduated from UMM with honors and later received a master's degree in social work from Tulane University. They are survived by their daughter Elyce of Fergus Falls.

Marvin Dyrstad was selected by the U of M pharmacy students for being an outstanding instructor assisting students in their retail externship. Marvin lives in Red Wing, Minn.

John O. Gilbert, who received his master of business degree from UW-Oshkosh, was honored as its 1996 Distinguished Alumni Award in late June. He also addressed students and members of the faculty in a talk titled "Change Management: The role of Today's Leader." John and wife **Marilyn ('67)** have two children and reside in Appleton, Wis.

Bonnie (Fjeld) Reeder and husband Donald share that this spring their youngest son graduated from the University of Minnesota with a chemistry major and will work for 3M. He is also a third generation graduate out of the U of M system. Bonnie and family live in St. Paul.

CLASS OF '65

Robert P. Gandrud, president and chief executive officer of Lutheran Brotherhood Society, delivered a dynamic graduation address at this year's UMM commencement ceremony. Residents of Minneapolis, Robert and his wife, Nancy, have three daughters.

Simon and Karen (Eystad) Zeller are the proud parents of five outstanding children. Their eldest son Mark studies law at Hamline University; Tom is an engineering student at U of M, IT; daughter, Jennifer, works as a chemical engineer for OSRAM-Sylvania Corp; Kristen is a second year medical student; and youngest daughter, Erin, is a seventh grader. Simon and Karen are employed with the Cedar House Day Treatment Center and reside in Faribault, Minn.

CLASS OF '66

Margie McNichols works in early childhood/special education at Park View Early Childhood Education Center in Champlin, Minn. Margie and husband have two children and one granddaughter. She enjoys sewing, working with stained glass, traveling, reading and baking.

CLASS OF '67

Bonnie Lutz was the guest speaker at the Glenwood United Parish Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon. She has taught third grade at the Evansville Elementary School for 12 years after teaching in various others schools for a total of 26 years. She was selected 1995 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Bonnie's message is that "unconditional love is the strongest power on earth."

CLASS OF '68

Myrna (Itzen) Stahman recently completed her experience as a Supreme Court Fellow in Washington, D.C. Myrna states, "If you are lucky enough to have a case go [to the Supreme Court] you look at it as if you were representing the entire nation, because the decision will affect law in the entire nation." Myrna is a deputy attorney general of the Idaho Attorney General's Office; and husband **Robert ('67)** serves as general counsel, vice-president, and corporate secretary for Idaho Power Company. Myrna and Bob have two children: Kayla and Jeff.

CLASS OF '70

Mary Hansen reports returning to Browns Valley, Minn., where she has started her own accounting business and also purchased a new home.

Robert Schmidt updates us that he is currently living in Germany and plans to live there another year.

Eldon Sparby has been awarded a fellowship in the Bush Educators Program. His teaching experiences of 25 years include: K-12 physical education, health, and the social sciences. Eldon has also head coached boy's basketball and football. He and wife Linda live in Middle River, Minn., and are the parents of four children.

CLASS OF '71

Michael L. Arends reports his recent move to Atlanta, Ga., and promotion to vice-president of Arrow Schweber Electronics. Wife, Sharon, and

daughter, Stephanie (16), join him while son, Derich (20), attends U of M, IT. Michael and family were previously residents of Eden Prairie, Minn.

Ron Beyer is a family practice physician in Ortonville, Minn. Wife Julie is quite active in their local church and stays busy keeping up with their 13-year old daughter, Danielle. The Beyers enjoy fishing, gardening, and woodworking.

Joseph Fridgen was recently promoted to chair of the Department of Park, Recreation, and Tourism Resources. He lives in Okemos, Mich.

Gerald Grapentine is the pharmacy manager for K-Mart in Mankato, Minn., near where he and the family live. Son James is awaiting licensure at a K-Mart in Duluth and daughter is in her third year of a five year pharmacy program at Duluth. Wife Patricia works as an accountant and their two younger sons, Matthew and Steven, attend high school.

Thomas Huebsch and family live in Lake Elmo, Minn. He shares that his two sons will be in fifth grade and daughter will commence fourth grade this fall.

Don Lifo, superintendent of Northeast Metro Intermediate School District 916, is an adjunct professor for St. Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate School.

Ronald Nelson enthusiastically imparts, "UMM was a great educational experience. It was a great kick-off for me." He is also the proud parent of two adult children and two grandchildren. Ronald resides in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Gregory Starns, head basketball coach at Minnewaska High School, achieved his 400th coaching victory when Minnewaska rolled a victory over Battle Lake in the opening round of the Sub-Section 22 Tournament back in March. Shortly before Starns coached his monumental victory, his son, Ben, passed the 1,000 point scoring mark of his high school career. Ben is a freshman at UMM this fall.

Judith (Denelsbeck) and Richard ('71) Stone share that their daughter Abigail is now a sophomore at UMM.

CLASS OF '72

Kristine (Wharton) Cannon reports that after directing Student Legal Assistance and Adult Learner Services at Bemidji State University for 17 years, she opened her own business, Conflict Resolution Consultants in Bemidji. Kristine offers mediation, arbitration, and training in conflict management for schools, businesses and individuals.

Dawn (Fellows) Griffith resides in Hermantown, Minn., with husband **Richard ('71)** and their two children: Eric (17), and Beth (14). Since 1974, Dawn has taught 10th grade English at Hermantown High School. In addition, she is extremely involved with her local church serving as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, confirmation teacher, and organizer of youth activities.

James Hiedeman continues to teach football at Canby High School while a student at Southwest State University. James and wife, **Cynthia (Christianson) ('87)**, live in Canby, Minn.

Adelle Jacoby shares that she and her husband are the proud grandparents of their first granddaughter, Lauren Mae Jacoby. Daughter of Jason and Lisa, Lauren and her family live in St. Cloud.

James Jurgenson tells us of his recent tenure and promotion to associate professor of molecular biology at the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls. James is a resident of Denver, Iowa.

Robert Koelman writes, "This fall I'll be starting my 22nd year of teaching in Princeton, Minn., where I teach physical education and health at the Middle School. The big news, however, is that my wife Linda was ordained a United Methodist Pastor this past June. Next spring she will receive her master of divinity degree and will then be appointed to a United Methodist Church somewhere within the state. If the commute is too far from Princeton, I may end up in a career change as well."

Mohammad "Mike" Orandi updates, "I have opened a small pharmacy just north of Toronto. Therefore, I've been very busy these days building up this business. I would like to hear very much from my UMM friends."

Lillian Pederson died this past April in Glenwood after a long battle with cancer. She graduated from Benson High School in 1942 and received her bachelor of arts degree from UMM in 1972. Lillian worked as a dental assistant at the U of M Dental Health Center and also taught grade school at Cokato Elementary School for 19 years. She is survived by six brothers and their wives, one sister, and many nieces and nephews.

Dennis and Marie (Dahlman) ('74) Persinger report that their 15 year-old son, Alan, plays varsity basketball as a high school freshman; and Daniel, who is a seventh grader, plays with a basketball team that has gloried in its winning streak for several years. Marie has her master's in music and in elementary education, and is finalizing her education specialist degree at the University of St. Thomas.

Nicholas Ripperger was recently named news editor for the *Morris Sun-Tribune*. A staff writer since 1994, Nick covers government, education, business, and agriculture issues. In addition, he helps with page layout, writes headlines, and takes photographs. As editor, Nick will now direct the news gathering efforts.

Marvel Wagner is now a consultant for Creative Memories. She also shares that her oldest granddaughter was married this past June.

Vern Warkenthein proudly imparts that his daughter completed her freshman year at Colorado State University. Vern is employed with American Family Insurance in Boulder, Colo., where he lives.

CLASS OF '73

Jon Erickson shares that daughter, Stephanie, graduated from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte majoring in history and journalism. Stephanie currently works for The Harold Review Newspaper in Decatur, Ill. Jon is employed with 3M Corporation out on the east coast.

Viane (Dalager) Frye recently performed as a guest organist and harpsichordist for a production of the Gulf Coast Masterworks Chorale. The Chorale presented Mozart's "Coronation Mass" and Bach's "Wer da glaubet und getauft wird," at the Amelia Center Theater. Viane lives in Mexico Beach, Fla.

Paul "Burke" Kiger received his master of business administration degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1995. Paul has served 18 years with US Postal Service and currently works at the Alexandria, Minn., post office. Wife, **Nancy ('74)**, completed her master's of psychology and expects to finish work for a Ph.D. in guidance and psychological services from Indiana State University in 1997. They have three children: Jack (15), Tom (13), and Katy (10).

Brad Laager has taught and coached in the Little Falls, Minn., school district since 1975. He and wife, Dawn, have three children. Daughter, Hollie, just had her first child in June; son Ryan will be a sophomore at college in Sioux City, Iowa; and daughter BreeAnn will be an eighth grader this fall.

Mona Reese reports that this fall she will be a composer-in-residence at Billings Symphony Orchestra performing a new opera.

Randall Taber is a minister for the United Methodist Church and major in the Air Force where he enlisted eight and half years ago. His daughter will graduate in 1997. Randall resides in Staples, Minn.

Olive (Freeman) Tomlinson, recently of Peoria, Ariz., died in June 1996. A memorial service was held at UMM's Student Center in mid-July. Olive taught for many years in the Morris area before moving to Ariz. She is survived by three daughters, three sons, and many other family and friends. Olive was preceded in death by her parents and husband, John.

CLASS OF '74

Christine (Heinen) Bright Sticha teaches full-time at East Bethel Community School as an enrichment coordinator. Christine lives in Andover, Minn.

Alison Grant, a reporter for a Cleveland newspaper, was one of three finalists for the 1996 Pulitzer Prize.

Gordon Haubenschild reports, "Family is doing well. Business is exciting, having a blast! I love these 16 hour days!" Gordon looks forward to UMM computer science students visiting IBM

again. He is employed as the senior project manager with IBM in Rochester, Minn., where he resides.

Donald P. McCollar is a research associate at UND Energy and Environmental Research Center. Donald lives in Grand Forks, N.D.

Dean Ogg was named Western Division Principal of the Year, in June of 1996; and he is currently principal at Crosby-Ironton High School. Dean is described by one of his teachers as "a principal who cares about students, their achievements and successes as well as their social and personal development. He also cares about the teaching profession and the commitment of his school faculty."

Rob Pederson writes, "I have accepted the position of vice-president of services with United HealthCare in Minnetonka and have moved there with my wife, Anne, and son, Nathan. We are building a home in Minnetonka."

Nancy (Pohl) Pikula is employed with the Brainerd School District as a counselor. She and her family live on a very beautiful lake where during spring, the loons arrive and the golden eagles return to perch on their majestic Norway Pine.

Muri and Sheree (Keeley) Rinkenberg announce the birth of Molly Jo who is now one year-old. Molly Jo is the fourth daughter of Muri and Sheree. The Rinkengbers live in Clearwater, Minn.

Larry Treptow is the proud parent of Seth David, born in 1992. Larry is a resident of Wells, Minn.

William Utterback recently accepted a job in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as an elementary principal.

CLASS OF '75

Robert Buck and wife, Lurae, are celebrating 20 years of marriage, and are the proud parents of three daughters. They live in Farmington, Minn. Rob works for Radio Station KDHL.

Michael and Laurel ('76) (Schumacher) Hawley proudly announce the marriage of their oldest son and the birth of their first grandchild, Brandon. Michael is a pharmacist at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Ill. He and Laura are residents of Washington, Ill.

Sharon (Working) and Kent Johnson live in Maple Grove, Minn. Sharon is employed as a medical social worker for Augustana Nursing Home. Kent is obtaining his master plumbing certification from Dunwoody Institute.

Jerome Siljendahl shares that his oldest son, Eric, graduated from UMD this past spring. Son, Jamin, completed his freshman year at UMD this spring and plays for the football team.

CLASS OF '76

Ruth (Olson) and Scott ('79) Erickson are enjoying the new edition to their family, baby girl, Alexandria. Ruth and Scott currently are residents of Naperville, Ill.

Steven and Dawn (Neumann) Gravdahl are both junior high school teachers in St. Francis, Minn., where they also live. Steven and Dawn have an eleven year old son and an eight year old daughter.

Randall Kelley recently became a grandfather to grandson, Hugh Jonathan Liam Keefe. Randall lives on our nation's north pacific coast, Seattle, Wash.

Dean Parisian is one of *Minnesota*, the magazine of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, top 50 alumni entrepreneurs for 1996. An enrolled member of the White Earth Chippewa Tribe and president of Native American Advisors, Inc., a SEC-registered money management firm, Dean recently endowed a scholarship to the U of M for Native American students to business. He and his wife are residents of Atlanta, Ga.

CLASS OF '77

Gerrit W. Cuperus is the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension. He is an Oklahoma State faculty member and serves as the Oklahoma Extension integrated pest management coordinator. Gerrit's major emphasis has been placed on developing interdisciplinary and interagency programs that impact producer profitability and reduce environmental impacts.

Dianne (Krause) Lavoie recently graduated from

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

Hamline University with a master of arts in education. Diane resides in Clarissa, Minn., where she also teaches at the public school.

Holly (Dop) and Larry Mann celebrated 20 years of marriage last year. They are residents of Montgomery, Ill., and have three boys. For two weeks Holly and Larry cruised the Mediterranean, visiting Spain, France, and Italy. Holly shares, "I missed my call to the Oscar party, but *Gone with the Wind* is still the best movie of all time." Larry states, "I'm still looking for any of the TKE's in the fraternity on campus."

Ellen (Schmidt) Mulder is employed as a teacher associate at Pella Middle School. She has three wonderful children: Allison (18), Amanda (16), and Nick (11). Ellen and family live in Pella, Iowa.

Alison (Ness) Nelson proudly announces the birth of her baby boy, Jacob. Little Jacob was born in February of this year. Alison resides in Aiea, Hawaii.

Jeffrey Peterson and wife, Nickey, are the excited parents of Matthew, who was born in December '95. They live in West Vancouver, B.C.

CLASS OF '78

Clifford Canku is a faculty member at Cook College and Theological School. Currently, Clifford is a resident of Temple, Ariz.

Jean (Lee) Hartzog is presently working as the director of the runaway shelter, Our House, Inc. She resides in Monroe, La.

Connie Hytjan announces her new position as principal of the Forest Hill Elementary School in Eden Prairie, Minn. Connie, her husband, and two sons have recently returned to Minnesota after living in Wyoming.

Sandra Johnson serves as director of a three day treatment program for children. Sandra reports living in North Minneapolis with her sweetie and dog.

Mary ('78) Kittleson resides in Ceylon, Minn., with husband, Bob, and three children: Jaci (8 1/2); Carter (7); and Nolan (4). Mary shares, "I'm now employed as a farm hand for my husband. We're busy with school events and farming — quite a career change, but I love it."

Joseph Pierret celebrated his one year wedding anniversary with Monica Loucille, originally of North Dakota. Joseph also holds a master of engineering degree from University of California, Berkeley. He is presently employed with Elantec Semiconductor as a staff design engineer. Joseph and Monica are residents of San Jose, Calif.

CLASS OF '79

Kevin and Lorri (Jensen) ('81) Anderson live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with their two daughters. Kevin was recently promoted to R & D manager at Cedar Rapids Starch Facility.

Jeanne Jacobson is currently pursuing her master's in elementary counseling at Mankato State University.

Gail Nelson wed James Peterson earlier in the spring of this year. The newlyweds live in Sauk Centre, Minn.

Rhoda (Olson) Schrader serves as the director of university student organizations at St. Cloud State University.

Timothy Smith imparts that he will be building a new home in Sioux Falls, S.D. Timothy is the manager of information services at USGS EROS Data Center where they'll be hiring 100 more people in the next few years as a result of a new addition to the company.

Lisa (Tate) Williams is a professor of biology at the University of District of Columbia. Currently, she is completing her Ph.D. Lisa resides in Silver Springs, Md.

CLASS OF '80

Peter C. Falkum updates us. "I left General Mills after 15 years and moved to the Fort Worth area to take a director's position with the Dannon Company. **Debbie (Dunbar)**, the boys, and I are enjoying the Dallas heat."

CLASS OF '81

Leesa (Simonson) Betzold and husband, Don, proudly announce the birth of their son, Ben. Leesa shares, "Along with being a busy mother,

I'm also helping Don run for the state senate." They live in Fridley, Minn.

Rose (Johnson) and Andy Jordahl report: "We've moved back to the San Francisco bay area after five years in cold, snowy New Jersey. Happy, happy to be back in the land of 365 no freeze days! Andy is intent on becoming a professional wind surfer (in his spare time). Rose just wants spare time. Look us up if you're in the area." Rose is a general attorney for AT & T; and Andy is a site supervisor for Redwood Landscaping.

CLASS OF '82

Susan (Damm) Cibuzar and husband, Jon, recently moved to Brooklyn Park, Minn. They have a two year old daughter, Katrina.

Patrick Moore announces the birth of his baby boy, Martin Joseph. Patrick is employed with the Land Stewardship Project in Montevideo, Minn.

Caroline (Maurer-Lewis) Roy writes: "I've resided in Colorado since leaving UMM in 1982; and I've been employed as a probation officer for eight years at the Boulder Probation Department working with juveniles. I was recently honored by the Colorado Juvenile Council and named Youth Worker of the Year for Colorado in 1994; and I also graduated with a M.S.W. from the University of Denver. My husband, Joe, and I are building a home in Niwot, Colorado. I'm trying to convince my daughter, Nina, to attend UMM, but I think my husband, a CU alum, has brainwashed her. Hello to all my friends from UMM, and stop by and visit if you are in Colorado."

CLASS OF '83

Nancy Cushman is a customer service representative for Ringier America in Brookfield, Wis. Nancy reports, "Built a new home, still doing theatre—just finished Yente in *Fiddler on the Roof* and doing murder mystery theatre (a paying gig). Happily single and enjoying life."

Jay M. Eggen resides in Eau Claire, Wis., with wife, Sheila, and two boys, Sheridan and Keilor. Jay works for an architectural engineering firm in the structural department.

Kim (Wiese) and Jeff ('84) Entner built a new home in the Phoenix, Ariz. area. Kim is a kindergarten teacher and recently received her master's in administration. Jeff works as loan officer at HHL Finance.

Shelly (Rosentreter) Karg wed Donovan Karg in February of this year. Currently, Shelly is employed at Lindquist & Vennum P.L.L.P.; and Donovan is an engineer for 3M.

Randy Kraemer has recently been appointed as a personal financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. in Austin, Minn. In addition, he is a member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce, Cedar River Tech-Prep Advisory Board and is active with Early Risers Kiwanis and March of Dimes.

Diane (Nyhush) Mitzel and her husband, Chuck, write: "We recently relocated from Dallas, Tex., to Wausau, Wis. Wausau Insurance Company has promoted Chuck to be senior actuary in charge of workers compensation division at their home office. We have two boys: Jacob (7) and Andrew (6). *Jon Vick—where are you!*"

Charles and Kris (Ziskovsky) Moller share this update: "We are alive and well in Albuquerque where Chuck is coaching football. Kris works at home for a school fundraising company and takes care of Zachary who turned one in September. We spent a couple of weeks in Minnesota this summer—it was great to see lakes, trees, green grass and of course many of our friends."

Wendy Skillings started her own business two years ago in Osakis, Minn. She reports that "things are going well."

Kelly (Bartlett) and Russell Swanson reside in New Brighton, Minn. Currently, Russell is attending drafting school. Kelly has a new job as a technology para-professional at Mount View Public School.

Todd and Bonnie ('85) Warren share: "We are still living in Sartell, Minn., with our four children: Brittany (12), Nicholas (10), Kelsey (8), and Christopher (4). Bonnie is currently employed as a staff registered nurse for St. Cloud Hospital Home Care and Hospice Services. Todd is employed as director of human resources for St. Cloud Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. We are anxiously awaiting next June when Todd will complete his ministerial studies and will be ordained

as a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church."

J. DeWitt Webster lives in Norfolk, Va., where he is a health educator at the Center for Pediatric Research.

Anthony Williamson is employed as a systems analyst for Objectech, Inc. He and wife, Shelleye, live in Minneapolis with their three children: Anthony IV (7), Aiyla (8), and Julius (2).

CLASS OF '84

Terri Campbell-Mahmoodi writes to us from upstate New York: "I've been living here for the past eight years. I stay home with my two children, Taranae, a first grader, and Arian, 3 years of age. My children are both involved with USFSA ice skating. This year I am honored to serve as vice-president of Clarkson University Women's Club, which involves coordinating and organizing alumni giving, commencement and events for the board of trustees. My husband, to whom I have been married ten years, is an associate professor and director of undergraduate business program."

Bryan and Kristi ('88) Delage live in Ortonville, Minn., with their two children, Kayla Jo and Ryan. Bryan serves as a family practice doctor at the Northside Medical Center. Kristi and Bryan maintain active lifestyles and are very fitness oriented. They've organized a bike club called the "Minnesota Valley Cyclopaths" and they invite and welcome new members all the time.

Robin and Kimberly ('88) (Schmidt) Gernandt recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Presently, Robin is employed as an attorney/editor at West Publishing Company, Eagan; and Kimberly is a teacher at Scott Highlands Middle School in Apple Valley. The couple are residents of Lakeville, Minn.

Barry and Rebecca (Driggins) Hogan proudly announce the birth of baby girl, Rachel, born in February 1995. Barry practices law at his firm in Minneapolis; Rebecca is employed with Children's West. The Hogan family are residents of Minneapolis.

Susan (Madson) Johnston enthusiastically imparts, "Susan and her family are very happy and healthy." Susan works as a certified contact lens technician at Park Nicollet Medical Center and is a resident of Maple Grove, Minn.

Thomas Lydon is a new father of baby boy, Tanner Lydon, born April 4, 1996. Thomas works for West Publishing as an information product supervisor.

Bryan Minder e-mailed this update: "Valorie and I are expecting our second child on November 6, 1996. Our son, Nathaniel, is three years old. For the past two years, I have been employed at the Minnesota Department of Public Service assisting in the regulation of the telecommunication industry in Minnesota. I can be reached at bminder@dpsv.state.mn.us."

Susan Reed writes, "My husband, John Chaney, and I are excited to have opened our new chiropractic office in the beautiful town of Spearfish, S.D. Stop by if you're out here visiting the Black Hills!"

Joan (Neeser) Schnetzer shares this update, "I married Jerry September 13, 1986. Ten years have gone so fast! We have two children: Eric (3) and Meghan (2). Jerry is an engineer for Raco Tek in Edina and Joanie is a CEO of a major family corporation (a stay home mom!). We recently moved to Chaska, Minn., and are loving it!"

Randall Sukow is the editor of wireless data news at Phillips Business Information, Inc; and he resides in Arlington, Va. Randall reports, "I'm doing well and loving it!"

Kim (Peterson) and Roger Weber announce the birth of their first son, Casey Johnathon, born April 12, 1996.

Stephanie (Mosher) and Steve Williams announced in May that they were expecting their first child this past June. They live in Ohio where Stephanie is a geologist for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

CLASS OF '85

For more than a year, **Mike Cushman** has been part of the morning show at MWEQ Radio in Eau Claire. He and Bob Renner team up to produce the popular morning show referred to as "Bob & Cush."

Mark and Lori (Henderson) Froehling write to

us, "Mark finished his master's degree in education/professional development through the National Science Foundation at UW-LaCrosse. Lori finished her master's in December with a human performance and biomechanics degree at UW-LaCrosse. We continue to live in Caledonia, Minn. with our three children Benjamin (7), Andrew (5), and Danielle (3)."

Carlos Gallego was awarded a grant from the Department of Public Safety to run an after school program for third through eighth grade Hmong and Chicano children. He lives in Vadnais Heights, Minn.

Mark Lagergren teaches social studies, physical education, and coaches at Central Public School in Norwood, Minn. He has a two year-old son, Christopher Mark Lagergren.

Carla A. Larson and husband Scott recently moved to Lincoln, NE, where Scott accepted pastoral call to American Lutheran Church. She writes, "(We're) still adjusting to NE's humidity but love the people and the city with its many opportunities, parks, and bike paths. I'm home full-time this summer to stabilize our family and settle into our first home after parsonages."

Kathryn (Halliday) and Barry ('86) Ostrander share with us, "We are busy, but enjoying life here in Braham, Minn. Barry will be starting his third year at the high school as an English/ speech/theater instructor. On top of the normal class load, Barry directs the fall play. Kathy has been busy at home with Nic (5) and Caitlin (3). She has been very active in several church groups, and also works for the school occasionally as a home bound teacher. She is also very excited about her homebased business selling Nikken products which are magnets and natural nutritional supplements. We are also very excited about our upcoming addition to our family, due in early February."

Lance Redfield is employed with First Union Corporation in Charlotte, NC. He has two boys, Ryan (5) and Jordan (1 1/2).

Douglas Tigner of Maple Grove, Minn., is proud to announce a new addition to the family. His daughter, Allison, was born last December. He is a software consultant with Corporate Software.

Leaving as a basketball coach at Elmhurst College is **Scott Trost**. He recently accepted a coaching position at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he will serve as an assistant coach on the staff of Wolverine Head Coach Steve Fisher. While at Elmhurst, Scott served as a physical education instructor, women's golf head coach, recruiting coordinator, football assistant coach and sports information director.

Jaclyn (Anderson) Walter and Todd ('86) Walter write, "We have moved back to Pine Island, Minn., after living in Wis. for three years. Todd continues to work as a CRNA at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, and Jaclyn is a full-time mom. We have two boys: William (3) and Bradley (1)."

CLASS OF '86

Ivory Britton has been a police officer for six years. Currently, he is with the tactical enforcement unit. He recently left the National Guard after ten years of service.

Michael Chevalier is a partner at North Star Management, Inc. in Benson, Minn.

Monica (Schmitz) Frazer is a graduate assistant at the UMTC. She has two children: Isaac (3) and Ella (1).

Barton Hill recently wed April 20, 1996. He is the head baseball coach at Lac Qui Parle High. In addition, he teaches fourth grade at Madison Elementary School in Madison, Minn.

Leanne (McNeal) Labbie owns a manufacturing company known as Pensacola Garter Company. She resides in Pensacola, Fla.

Matthew McCormick shares with us news of an addition to his family. Courtney Nicole, already one year old, was born in September 1995. Matthew and family are building their first house in Rapid City, SD.

Peggy (Torkelson) Rinkenberger was honored as "Teacher of the Year" at Morris Area schools in 1996. At MAHS, Peggy has taught social studies, civics, history, political science, psychology, and geography over the course of four years. Peggy and husband, David, have two sons.

Lonnie Seifert is a junior high guidance counse-

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for in Montgomery-Lonsdale, Minn., where he is the girls basketball coach. Prior to counseling, Lonnie taught sixth grade for nine years.

Karen (Wiese) Thompson writes, "I toured on the road with a *Christmas Carol* with John Astin (used to play on the Adams Family). We have a two and a half year-old son, Frank. My husband Doug and I are still working on a house in St. Paul."

CLASS OF '87

Wendy (Wharton) Appenzeller moved from Minnesota to Arizona for new job opportunities as a Quality Engineer for AdFlex Solutions, Inc. She has a two year-old son, Zachary. She reports that everyone is "doing fine."

Michael Connelly is married, has a one year-old boy and is expecting a baby girl. He continues work in Latin America as a laboratory specialist with ISK Biotech Corporation as a regulatory specialist.

Kim (Genz) Froemming and husband Randy live with their three children Sara, Corey, and Jennifer, on a hobby farm outside of Barrett, Minn. Kim teaches math at Jefferson High School in Alexandria, Minn.

Jill (Bregel) Hanson received her master's degree in elementary education from the University of Kansas-Shawnee, where she lives with husband, Richard and daughter, Josie (1 1/2). She currently teaches fourth grade there.

Timothy Johnson was recently ordained into the ministry of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) on May 26, 1996. Tim and wife, Cindy have a son, Jordan. The family lives in Beltrami, Minn.

CLASS OF '88

Peggy Semmler Beck is a Systems Management Engineer at Hewlett-Packard in San Jose, Calif. She and **Sarah Heymer ('94)** were featured in a careers booklet entitled "Women in Computer Science." The booklet is directed at high school and first-year undergraduate women to give them the opportunity to see just what a computer scientist does in the workplace. The booklet project was led by **Dr. Dian Lopez**, a UMM faculty and a member of the Computing Research Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research.

Daniel and Shelley (Born) Croonquist of Willmar, Minn., have two children: Amanda (5), and Jacob (1). Daniel recently received a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary on May 26, 1996. He was one of 149 students awarded degrees during commencement ceremonies at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Arun Elgonda began duties as manager of the Pamida store in New Ulm, Minn., in late June. He and his wife, Madhabi, have an 18-month-old daughter.

Alhaji Khadar and **Seanne Thomas** are proud to announce news of an addition to their family. Ismaic Jusus Khadar was born February 21, 1996.

John Lee writes, "My wife Kim and I have been living in Indianapolis since the summer of '95. We live in a vibrant part of downtown near Kim's office at the City/County building. I manage an educational resource store on the city's south side, and I have been doing a lot of volunteer work for the public TV/radio station here in Indy."

Venetia Ann Miller is currently working on her master's in guidance and counseling at Jackson State University. She also serves as a missionary at St. Paul Church of God In Christ. In addition, she is president of the Women's Fellowship Broadcast Announcer, president of the music department, and a bible class teacher. She is employed as the residential life coordinator at Tougaloo College, where she serves as the advisor for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Her address is: P.O. Box 727, Tougaloo, MS, 39174.

Steven Myren is proud to announce the birth of his second child born November 16, 1995. Chelsea Marie was born healthy and happy!

Teresa Reynolds is the assistant manager at Stop-n-Go Foods, Inc. in Alexandria, Minn.

Kandi (Sturlaugson) Robinson had a baby boy, Blake Allen, on February 9, 1996. She is a daycare provider at Country Kids Daycare in Hastings, Minn.

Michael Stryck shares with us, "I recently took

a one-year leave of absence from my tenure-track English position at Kent State to take a one-year visiting lectureship at UW-Eau Claire, a position I hope will soon become permanent. This allows me to be closer to home. Meanwhile, I took the plunge this month—jumping out of a plane, that is. I've now made three skydiving jumps, experiencing the greatest rush of my life. The world looks good at 3,000 feet!"

Maira Sweeting sends her best from sunny Florida. She is an adjunct-professor teaching economics at

CLASS OF '89

Kelan Birnbaum shares with us news of an addition to his family. Jeremy Scott Birnbaum was born April 16, 1996. Kelan is employed with Andersen Consulting in Minneapolis.

Paul Brown and **Nanci Sifferath ('90)** were married on October 12, 1996. Nanci is employed with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota as manager of special accounting. Paul is a regional operations trainer with Burger King Corporation.

Gordon Larsen recently graduated from Ozarks College, Ark.

Jeffrey Larsen is currently finishing his doctoral thesis at the University of Minnesota. He recently used the extensive Palomar Sky Survey to pinpoint the sun's location relative to the galactic plane, an imaginary disk running through the middle of the Milky Way. This survey is significant because it is much more accurate than the older surveys as it counted 10,247 stars, far more than any previous study.

Timothy M. McLaughlin is an attorney with the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos in Knoxville, Tenn.

Kristin (Jepperson) Meyer gave birth to a baby girl, Rebecca Jane, on March 18, 1996. She is a research pharmacist with Lily Research Labs in Greenwood, Ind.

Ellen (Jarchow) Moritz was married on September 23, 1995, to Jean-Claude Moritz. She is vice-president of First Bank of Vail, Colo. The couple lives in Eagle-Vail, Colo.

Blaine Novak is in his seventh year of teaching in New York Mills, Minn. He is the assistant wrestling coach, head girls track coach, and also coached football for three years. Blaine and his wife, Lisa, have three children: Aynsley (5), Jordan (4), and Shane (1).

Tim Ray is the electrical technician at the Audio Visual department at UMM. In addition, he is the vice-president of the board of directors of the Prairie Wind Players Community Theater based in Barrett, Minn. He is on the board of directors of the Minnesota Association of Community Theaters, whose purpose is to promote community theater throughout the state. Along with his wife, Kathy, he writes, directs, designs, and occasionally performs in plays for the Barrett theater.

Richard Schroer is a sales consultant with Wadena Auto Mall. He was named salesman of the year for 1995 at the auto mall. He and his wife, Susan, live in Wadena, Minn.

Robert Sutterer teaches eighth grade at Sunrise Park Middle School in the White Bear Lake School District. The last we heard from him, he was expecting his second child in July. The Sutterer family lives in Oakdale, Minn.

Daryl and Nancy (Ransom) ('90) Wattenhofer have a one year-old daughter, Kelsey Jo. Daryl was awarded a new position as vice president of Community Bank of St. Peter in St. Peter, Minn.

CLASS OF '90

M.J. Patrick-Cabrera is a law clerk in Hennepin County. M.J. and family live in Shoreview, Minn.

Paul and Jana ('90) Court are proud to share with us news of their daughter, Samantha Jo, born February 17, 1996. Paul teaches and coaches at Morris Area High School. Jana, also a teacher, works in the Clinton-Graceville School District.

Lisa (Lester) Finken recently wed in June. She is nearing the end of a two year Interpreter/Translator Program. After receiving her degree, she will be a sign language interpreter. She and her husband own a home in St. Joseph, Minn.

Diane (Middendorf) Gillingham married Brad Gillingham in Sauk Centre, Minn., on December 30, 1995. They currently live in Minnesota, Minn., where Diane teaches sixth grade at the public school there. Brad works for Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in Marshall, Minn.

Barbara Sayles Goulet has a one year-old son, Aaron. Her husband recently started a new crop consultant business in Morris.

Brad and Kimberly (Hickman) ('91) Kalliomaa write, "We have both finally completed our degrees. Kim graduated in 1994 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the College of Pharmacy, UMMC. Brad graduated in 1995 with a master's in accounting from Carlson School of Business. We both work in the Twin Cities and are going to be building a house in St. Michael,

Alumni Profile

UMM alumna, **Karen Schaible Kraemer ('71)** was recently elected president of the Minnesota Science Teacher Association (MSTA) for 1997-1998. As a resident and teacher in the Willmar School District, she is the one of the first outstate presidents to lead the association. The MSTA has a membership of approximately 1500 K-12 science teachers with a mission to provide leadership in science education issues and in professional development.



Originally from Breckenridge, Minn., Kraemer traveled southeastward to UMM in the fall of 1967 and enrolled as a biology major. Kraemer reflects on her days at UMM and how her undergraduate experiences have attributed to her present day accomplishments: "I am very proud to be an alumna of UMM. Back in 1967 you came to Morris to get a good education and to move on to other things. It was a good place to be successful and prepare for future opportunities in life. That really hasn't changed."

After receiving her bachelor of arts degree from UMM in 1971, she accepted her first teaching opportunity in Copperas Cove, Texas, instructing chemistry and biology. Kraemer then took temporary leave from teaching to have and raise four children. In 1984, she returned to the profession and taught biology and life science at Clara City High School; Clara City, Minn. To further enhance her expertise in the sciences, Kraemer completed her physical science/chemistry teacher certification and master's in science education from Bemidji State University in 1994. For the last nine years, Kraemer has been teaching biology, chemistry, and environmental studies at Willmar Senior High.

Having taught in outstate Minnesota, Kraemer is clearly aware of the issues that rural teachers confront in the profession, "I became involved in MSTA when I was teaching in a very small department in a small rural school with no academic connections and no way of meeting other teachers. As president of MSTA, I will work to ensure that rural teachers are receiving the necessary resources to achieve their goals. I enjoy being a part of this organization and look forward to sharing my leadership in the upcoming year because I share personally in its mission." Other goals for the organization include: to assist in the enrichment of the science curriculum, increase outstate membership, and to provide teachers with greater networking opportunities.

Before being elected president, Kraemer served as a board member and was the MSTA Spring Conference co-chairperson in 1994. On a very personal note, Kraemer says that the MSTA conferences and summer teacher training have always been revitalizing and affirming to her as a professional. In addition, she is a member of the Science Teacher Licensure Standards and the National Association of Biology Teachers.

Kraemer shares why she is able to maintain such admiration and enthusiasm toward the profession of teaching, "To be a good teacher one has to feel inspired and excited about learning also. Teaching is a profession where you have to give yourself and make good use of your own personality and develop skills that make you successful in the classroom. That is where the work comes in!" states Kraemer.

There is at least one individual at the UMM campus who Kraemer says had a significant influence with her success as a science teacher, "My adviser Dr. Rob Abbott was not only an academic advisor but also a mentor and an example of the best in professionalism and dedication to science." Kraemer also has her parents to thank for their commitment to education, "Dad was a high school biology and chemistry teacher and great encourager. As a teacher he strived to be excited and stay alive in what you teach." Kraemer adds, "these positive influences in my life encouraged me to learn the true meaning of 'persistence', 'patience', 'dedication', and 'hard work'."

When asked about the greater number of women achieving higher heights in the sciences, Kraemer responded, "Women need to be encouraged in science/science related careers very early—before middle school. A real key factor is their comfort level with math and eventually physics." She adds further, "As a female teacher, I think that I'm a role model for the male students as much as the female students...it's okay for women to excel in a non-traditional area!"

Miami Dade Community College.

John and Christine (Chadwick) Vraa are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Ryan, born January 25, 1996. John is the head football coach/instructor at Ridgewater College in Willmar, and Chris is employed at the Green Lake State Bank in Spicer, Minn., as a real estate loan officer.

Ira and Patricia ('90) Whitlock have two children: son, Tahree and daughter, Nailah. The family lives in St. Paul where Ira oversees Whitlock Law Office.

Bradley DeLeeuw moved from Baltimore to Wisconsin where he was offered a one year sabbatical replacement position at Beloit College. He was a postdoctorate research associate at John Hopkins University.

Michael Fritsch and recent bride, Laurie Sue Ray live in Vermillion, SD. He is employed as a motor carrier inspector for the South Dakota Highway Patrol in North Sioux City, SD.

Dionne "DeDe" Grigsby is a subsidies counselor with the Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association. She resides in Minneapolis.

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Minn., this fall.

Anthony Kempka shares with us, "After receiving a master of science degree in computer science from Washington State University in 1992, I worked in Boulder, Colo., for a couple of years. After the inevitable burnout on corporate life, I moved to Laramie, WY where I've since started a software consulting firm and a high-tech gadget company. Other than adult supervision of my business, I try to spend as much time as possible flying, fly fishing, mountaineering, brewing beer, and enjoying the great West!"

Theresa (Vanderwerf) Raymond recently moved from Minneapolis to Phoenix to take a sales position with the same company she has been employed with since 1991, Globelle (a computer distributor). Since moving, she met and married John Raymond. The couple married in Show Low, Ariz., on March 30, 1996. They reside in Phoenix.

Karl and Jody (Huber) Terhaar recently moved to St. Cloud, where Jody teaches at the College of St. Benedict. Karl teaches sixth grade at Cathedral School in St. Cloud.

Charles Wencl started a new job as the band and choir director for grades seven through twelve at Chokio-Alberta Schools. He and Mandy, his wife, have two children: Michelle (21) and Michael (18).

Gina (Mikolai) Zierke and husband, Tracy, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rena Elizabeth on June 4, 1996. Gina is a pharmacist at Blue Earth Drug and the local hospital. Tracy's farm is located in the Blue Earth, Minn., area.

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Michelle (Farmer) Anderson and husband, Glenn, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Grace, on March 10, 1996. They recently bought a house in Maplewood, Minn.

Darcie Boschee is currently pursuing a master's degree in information systems at the West Virginia Graduate College. She is proud to report that her graphic design and computer consulting business is doing very well.

Mark Ciampone and Becky Foote ('93) are proud to announce their engagement. Mark is an environmental consultant in Cincinnati, Ohio. However, he recently bought a house in Minneapolis.

Anthony and Sarah (Peterson) ('92) Erenberg currently live in Lauderdale, Minn. Tony works at UPS in Minneapolis, and Sarah recently started working for Cargill in Minnetonka as a foreign service specialist.

Elizabeth "Buffy" Hanson writes, "I recently became engaged to my best friend, Joshua Petrikin, a Tulsa boy who is in his third year of medical school at Oklahoma University in Oklahoma City. I also will be starting the master's of social work program at OU in Norman while continuing to work in mental health. This fall we are busy planning a June '97 wedding and use laughter to keep things in perspective. All Minnesota friends are welcome in Oklahoma City."

Daniel and Marin (Fynboh) Howe have two sons: Nathaniel (20 months) and Nicholas (7 months). Dan teaches math in the Rochester school district, and Marin is a full-time mom as of January 1, 1996. The Howe family resides in Rochester, Minn.

Jeffrey Johnson and Rachael Shaw of Stillwater, Minn., share news with us of a new baby girl, Grace Elizabeth, born May 2, 1996. Rachael is a physical therapist at the Hennepin County Medical Center, and Jeffrey is a computer analyst/programmer with PRR Inc.

Linda "Juice" Juusola was united in marriage to David Hoffman of Sleepy Eye, Minn., on July 20, 1996. The couple resides in Glenwood, Minn.

Matthew Kujawa teaches English in Japan. He will be there for one year.

Jeffrey Lake married Vicki Hilbrands of George, Iowa, on June 15, 1996. Jeff is a teacher and coach in Ellsworth, Minn.

Thomas Landmark of Marshall, Minn., proudly announces an addition to his family. Rachel Kathryn was born January 27, 1996. Thomas is a regional salesperson with Lyon Financial Services, Inc., in Marshall, Minn.

Jeremy "Jed" Levitt writes, "I found a job with National Oil Processing in Shakopee, Minn. I test oil from transformers for acid, specific gravity, and color among other things. I started working there last May."

Carl and Tracy (Nelson) ('92) Lipke share, "Letting everyong know Carl Jr. will be here the first week of January. We're both doing very well here at YMCA of the Ozarks, in southern Missouri. Dang hot, though! Keep us in your prayers! God bless to all!"

Frances (Shoenbauer) Merwin completed her master's of education in December, 1995, at Bethel College in emotional/behavioral disorders. She teaches special education at Eden Prairie High School. She and husband, Steve built their first home in Brooklyn Park and moved in September, 1995.

Craig and Paige (Anderson) Nordling live and work in Montello, Wis. Craig is teaching, and Paige works for a busy attorney. Their son, Aaron, is three. The couple bought a big old house in Montello.

Terrence and Tammy (Lemke) Osterman live in Elk River, Minn., where they recently bought a brand new house. Terrence is a chiropractor, and Tammy is a personal banking officer and manager at First National Bank of Elk River.

Ronda Peterson is the head athletic trainer at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. She was a volunteer at the Olympics in Atlanta for two weeks in the athletes' village.

Amanda (Thompson) Reed and husband, Rob, are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Brandon Geoffrey Reed was born on March 18, 1996. The Reed family lives in Pittsburg, Calif.

Steven and Lisa (Holm) Young reside in Battle Lake, Minn., where they own and manage Shoreline Restaurant and Lanes and Oakwood Supply. The last we heard, the couple were expecting a baby in early July.

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Steven Aamodt writes, "I was recently married August 17, 1996, and we bought a house and are living in Lino Lakes, Minn. I am currently working for Honeywell in Minneapolis."

Jason Bennett and Jennifer Bennett Keeler currently reside in Brooklyn Park, Minn. Jennifer recently graduated from William Mitchell College of Law. She works as a staff attorney at Grand Casinos, Inc. in Plymouth. Jason is a sales engineer at Resistance Technology Inc.

DeAnn Brix was planning to be married on October 5, 1996. She is a certified public accountant with Cargill. The couple will live in Minnetonka, Minn.

C. Nolan Carson III completed a master's of arts in behavior and ecology of the eastern tiger salamander from University of South Dakota in May. Currently, he is in his second year of dental school at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Christine Dent married Andrew Fedorchak on May 18, 1996. The couple lives in Oakdale, Minn.

Timothy and Kristin (Olson) Doeden are proud to share news of a birth in their family. Benjamin Thomas Doeden was born March 22, 1996. Kristin is a teacher in the Worthington Grade School, and Timothy is employed with Oxford Vet Laboratory in Worthington, Minn., where the family resides.

Mike Dougherty has joined The Village Family Service Center's Alexandria office as a counselor with Family-Base Services. He and his family live in Glenwood, Minn.

Stacy Hinkemeyer recently graduated from a four-year optometric curriculum at the Illinois College of Optometry with the doctor of optometry degree. She plans to complete a residency program at Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

Charlotte (Skarphol) Hoffmann and husband, Mark live in rural Morgan where they are dairy farmers. Charlotte also teaches fifth grade at St. Michael's half-time and spends the rest of her day with their children: Joshua (3 1/2) and McKayla (2). "Hi to Melissa, Anne Marie, and Mary of the 'Dollhouse' and Cheryl and Molly! Miss you!"

Shelly Huseby is a work transition instructor at the Willmar High School in Willmar, Minn. She lives in rural Pennock with her husband.

Stacie Juckel shares, "Tom and I announce the birth of our first child, Jordan Elizabeth on July 26, 1996. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long." Stacie and family currently live in Hastings, Minn.

Christopher and Michele (Arkell) Kennedy write, "Chris continues to enjoy practicing law with the firm of Kennedy and Kennedy in Mankato. Michele is looking forward to her first 'real' teaching job. She will begin teaching seventh grade math at the St. James Middle School this fall."

Steve Kinzer received the American Optometric Foundation's Gary Gross, O.D. Memorial Scholarship last February. Steve graduated in May from the Indiana University School of Optometry and plans to practice as an associate leading to partnership, or perhaps to purchase a practice of his own in rural Minnesota.

Kelly and Janelle (Fellbaum) ('94) Loven were married September 30, 1995. Kelly works at Norwest Card Services in Minneapolis, and Janelle works at Investment Advisers, Inc. in Minneapolis. The couple resides in Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Lin Mattson shares, "I graduated from St. Cloud State University in 1993 and am currently working at Norwest Bank and REM Inc., in the Twin Cities. I am moving August 1, to 705 Summit Ave. #2, St. Paul, 55105. To sorority alumni; I miss you! Everyong keep in touch. Looking forward to hearing from old friends. Write soon and take care!"

Jeffrey L. and Erin M. (Karels) ('95) McCoy were recently married on July 13, 1996. Jeff is an environmental consultant at WCEC in Morris, and Erin is a graduate student at the UMTC.

Robert and Mary (Banks) ('95) McDonald write, "After two years of marriage, things are starting to settle down. Bob is a first year resident at the Duluth Family Practice Center, and I will be teaching a third and fourth grade split class at Summit School here in Duluth."

Marcus Miller received a juris doctor degree from William Mitchell College of Law, June 9, 1996. While attending William Mitchell, Marcus participated in Rosalie Wahl Moot Court competition and was employed as a legislative intern for Rep. Chuck Brown.

Shelly Nester shares with us, "I am living in Mound, Minn., with my fiancée Mark Willette and am busy planning for our September wedding. I've been working for Physical Therapy Orthopaedic Specialists in Eden Prairie since leaving UMM five years ago, now as a medical secretary."

Theresa Raaf was recently featured at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center. Her exhibit entitled, "Stone Child Evolving" examined personal issues with universal themes. She com-

pleted much of her master of arts coursework at Moorhead State University and lives with her family on Lake Union, south of Alexandria, Minn.

Amy (Grieme) Sack teaches junior high math and coaches in Willmar, Minn. She is married and has two children: Elsie (18 months) and Carter (2 months). Her email address is: asack@willmar.k12.cfa.org.

Serena (Klassen) Vergin is proud to share news of an addition to her family. Megan Kylie Vergin is now 13 months old. Serena is a chemical lab tech with Agvise Agricultural Laboratories in Benson, Minn.

Lynn Washek is currently pursuing a master's degree in music therapy at the University of Minnesota. In conjunction with her degree, she is an intern with disabled preschoolers in Richfield, Minn.

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Johnathon Amundson and Tabatha Bargabos-Amundson were recently featured in the Morris Tribune for their prosperous business, John's Sports Cards and Comics, News & Views located in Morris.

Jennifer (Lydell) Besser and husband Brice Besser (UMD '92), were married June 15, 1996. The couple lives in Hastings, Minn., where it is quiet and pleasantly small. Their email address is: JFBesser@aol.com or BesserB@aol.com.

Kristin Nelson Fuge graduated in May 1996 with her juris doctrate and master's degree in public administration from Hamline University. She and her husband, Jeff Fuge, live in Superior, Wis.

Carrie Hadler is an editorial assistant at *Off the Record Research* in San Francisco.

Stacy Heck writes, "Still working at West Publishing, and just bought a townhouse in Woodbury, Minn. I would love to hear from fellow Cougs. Look me up if you're in the area or email me at sheck@westpub.com."

Tonya (LeBrun) and Dean ('95) Larsen write, "Tonya and I were married June 22, 1996 in New Hope. After a beautiful ceremony, we honeymooned in Los Cabos, Mexico. We will both be teaching in the Robbinsdale School District 281. We are living in an apartment in Brooklyn Park - please write us at 5631 69th Ave. N. #209, Brooklyn Park, Minn. 55429."

Robin Renee Lee is a cso associate with American Express Financial Advisors. She wrote "You Don't Have to Worry" recorded in 1996 by MCC Gospel Choir and has poems printed in *Good News*, a Minneapolis newspaper.

Greg and Paulette (Gibbs) Madson share, "We were married May 1996. Paulette graduated from

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Math service project is nation's first of its kind

BENJAMIN WINCHESTER ('95)

Raking leaves. Shoveling snow. Tutoring students. Washing windows.

What do all of these tasks have in common? All can be easily identified as potential types of community service.

The Division of Science and Mathematics at the University of Minnesota, Morris has added a unique community service component to its math curriculum in selected courses. "Service learning" is the name given to community service as it relates to engaging students in service to a community. With the assistance of three grants from Minnesota Campus Compact, an organization devoted to the integration of service learning into University courses, UMM was able to bring about a resource to be tapped by the entire Morris community.

The process began with the City of Morris Community Visioning meeting last fall which indicated that collaborations between the city and UMM were both wanted and needed. In response to the needs of the city in the creation of the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan, Benjamin Winchester ('95) began working on connecting these needs with student research in selected math courses. Such courses normally teach the theory needed to understand mathematical and statistical concepts; yet in the past the applications of this theory were "canned" examples, and not of real interest to the students, much less to the community. It was found that replacing the examples with community data could not only interest students in their research, but assist community organizations with their research needs. During this course of action, various community organizations were also found to be in need of data analysis.

The first organization to be contacted was the Morris Wetland Management District. Many Wetlands projects are ongoing, and data collection is a part of the job. The Soil and Water Conservation District was also a valuable source of data for student research. The need existed, however, in the actual summarization and analysis of the data. The Wetlands has an analysis team for the region; yet because the region is so large, the data may not be analyzed for years, if at all.

Enter UMM.

Initial meetings were held, and both a review of the needs of the organization was discussed, along with what UMM students could actually complete in a 10-week course.

Since every class is unique in its analysis techniques, selecting the appropriate data set from the community and then placing the data in the course which would be best able to analyze it proved to be the largest hurdle. Leaping this hurdle together enabled UMM students to better understand the projects the community has, in addition to allowing the community to better understand the methods needed for viable and reliable data collection. The exchange of information proved to be most encouraging.

In the winter course, *Elementary Statistical Data Analysis*, led by Dr. Jon Anderson, UMM assistant professor of math, students analyzed Historical Times Trends in Industry (1988-94), Employment — Unemployment and Trends (1985-95), and Minnesota Food Stamp Allotments (1986-95) for Stevens County. Anderson stated that "the students in this course were able to use plots and simple statistical models to examine the behavior of Stevens County economic data over time. They were able to see seasonal employment fluctuations in certain industries, as well as evaluating trends in these variables." These real world examples provide invaluable experience to students just learning how to utilize the theory in the course, and a better understanding of the community in which they live.

In spring quarter, there were two courses, led by Dr. Peh Ng, assistant professor of math, and Dr. Engin Sungur, associate professor of math, both of UMM. In Ng's course, *Combinatorial Mathematics*, students study the design of networks using basic graph theory concepts. Initially, the

students were to study land use in Morris. However, new, expanded opportunities were found.

Morris city manager Ed Larson and Public Works director Bill Storck met with students to explain the details and logistics behind snowplow routes. Their discussion included a detailed map of the current route, types of vehicles involved, primary streets, and maintenance costs. Students then "created" their own route using distances and intersections as indicators, representing a network flow problem (one of the original theories in the course). This direct application to coursework proved to

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SUMMER MATH INSTITUTE CZARS Joe Latterell, Bill Stewart and Engin Sungur bask on the steps of the Minority Resource Center.

Math Institute components = UMM+community

Mayo Clinic expresses interest

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Multiply Morris by minority by mathematics. Add in education times (x) encouragement times (x) enrichment. What do you get? Confused? To 17 math teachers and several math faculty from the University of Minnesota, Morris the answer is simple: the Mathematics Summer Institute '96 for Secondary School Teachers held August 4-17 at UMM. And to mathematical purists, they know how they got their answer.

For the second consecutive year, UMM math faculty worked with high school math teachers from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Chicago. The Institute is designed for mathematics teachers at high schools with a relatively high minority student ratio. It is an integral part of the UMM Minority Educational Encouragement and Enrichment Process (ME³).

Teachers met to discuss and understand the issues involved with teaching mathematics to minorities. They developed a procedure that will enhance students' math knowledge and create a positive attitude toward the mathematical sciences. Other institute objectives included exploring topics in different math subjects and investigating use of technology in math education; establishing a network which will stimulate knowledge; and designing and planning an encouraging and enhancing environment for the minority students in the form of a summer camp. Participants spent time in class; in workshops on the use of technology, mathematical modeling, algebra and problem solving and geometry; and in informal group discussions.

The final day of the Institute did not signal the end of the UMM/math teacher coalition, however. UMM faculty will be working with the high school teachers throughout the school year to discover what works and what doesn't in an actual classroom setting.

"We are always saying that UMM's involvement with the community is important," says Engin Sungur, UMM associate professor of statistics and co-presenter at the Institute. "This is an excellent opportunity for us. Working with the high schools throughout the year opens up channels of communication." Sungur says that doing scientific research on the needs of underrepresented groups such as persons of color and women is difficult and challenging. "Solutions are difficult to find," he added.

Participants received four University of Minnesota graduate level credits by taking an Applied Statistics course. The Institute is funded by the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Program, and UMM.

Sungur emphasized that high school teachers know their students well and this knowledge will assist UMM in identifying high school students to attend a program that is associated with the math institute — ME³, the Minority Education Encouragement & Enrichment Program. Co-directed by the UMM Science and Math Division and the Minority Student Program, under director William Stewart (Stewart is also a co-presenter of the Math Institute), this pre-collegiate program is designed to reshape and modernize mathematics education at the junior and senior high school levels. The program, an outgrowth of Project SEE (Summer Experience in Education) developed nine years ago by UMM chemistry professor Joseph Latterell for high school juniors interested in science and mathematics, is a five-phase process beginning with the Summer Math Institute for Teachers, and continuing into a student summer camp, student and teacher knowledge and experience transfer, the UMM Gateway Program, and students in the UMM science and education programs.

The second phase, a student summer camp, is similar to Project SEE, providing minority, female, and/or economically disadvantaged non-minority high school juniors with extra encouragement and stimulation for achievement of their intellectual potential in college and in their careers.

As if the excitement of these programs needed additional momentum, factor in the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Representatives from the Mayo Clinic met in June with UMM administrators and faculty to discuss possible interaction with UMM on these programs and other future cooperative ventures.

For information on the Math Summer Institute for Secondary School Teachers or ME³, contact Engin Sungur, 320/589-6300 or William Stewart, 320/589-6095.

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be very successful. However, due to the brevity of the course, the results provided only a general structure.

Another topic examined in Ng's course was Transportation and Network Flow for the City of Morris, which addressed where to construct new "Welcome to Morris" signs, route bypasses of Highway 28, general flow diagrams in/out of the city, and zoning issues. Yet another group of students examined the issues surrounding Congestion Problems in Morris, Minnesota. The involvement of the students was encouraging as the insights and personal responsibility which these meetings brought to the students proved to be invaluable.

Sungur's course, *Design of Experiments*, worked closely with both the Wetlands office and the Soils and Water Conservation District. Soil conservationist Bernie Angus and Donna Rieckmann, wildlife biologist, met with the students in the course, and explained the mission of the Wetland Management District along with providing a walking tour of their facilities. Using their firsthand knowledge of the Wetlands and data related to Non-Game Migratory Bird Inventory on Waterfowl Production Areas, students examined which types of birds were prevalent among the various wetlands. Initially, a list of hundreds of birds counted through 12 wetland sites in six west central Minnesota counties was produced. It was found that for this course, this was extravagant. After the course needs and goals were explained to Angus and Rieckmann, they classified the hundreds of birds into 10 classifications. This was a successful example of high levels of communication between UMM and the Wetland team.

With this improved data, the class was able to track migratory bird classifications over the region through various wetland types.

Attention then turned to the Soil and Water Conservation District. Data related to water depths and discharge rates of the Pomme de Terre River (both above and below the inclusion of Muddy Creek) were examined using the statistical methods in the course. Using climate related data provided by the West Central Experiment Station, students examined the discharge rates of the Pomme de Terre River and how the rate changed with precipitation and time of year. Sungur stated that "because the data was first given to myself and the students at the same time, I learned along with the students. I believe they saw the real practice of statistical data analysis."

Throughout the projects, Montana Campus Compact filmed the courses in action and interviewed personnel at all levels. The national office of Campus Compact, a project of the Education Commission of the States in Denver, Colo., has awarded Sungur with a National Learn and Serve Faculty Scholar Award for his scholarly creativity related to service learning.

Auditory Assistance System in place in some classrooms

Amplification designed to help students with hearing disabilities is in place for several classroom spaces at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Thanks to money allocated by the University of Minnesota for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the system will benefit students who attend classes in Edson Auditorium in the Student Center, the Science auditorium, Recital Hall in the Humanities Fine Arts Center, and the Social Science auditorium. The system is also available for use by persons other than UMM students, who attend events on the campus.

A transmitter at the faculty or speaker location is connected to a receiver and earplugs at the student's location. Each receiver can be adjusted by the individual according to their particular hearing capabilities.

Although the auditory system was installed just this past spring, it has been in the planning stages for a couple of years, according to Lowell Rasmussen, assistant vice chancellor for physical plant and master

planning at UMM. Larger campus rooms where hearing appears to be most difficult were targeted.

Plans are underway for other campus improvements designed to give access to UMM spaces for persons with disabilities. Future improvements include larger screen text in classrooms, automatic door openers and easier building access which will be installed in all educational buildings this fall, and an elevator to be installed in the Humanities building in the spring.

The Americans with Disabilities Act gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

For information on disability accommodations at UMM, contact Nancy South, disabilities coordinator, at (320) 589-6178.

NSIC Champions

First time since 1965



THE MEN'S GOLF TEAM is the 1996 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Champion! The Cougars had a 646 two-day total during the tournament at the Benson Golf Club. Playing from the championship tees with dry and windy conditions, junior Mitch Olson led the way with rounds of 78 and 79 to tie for third individually and senior Shane Eastman was fifth with scores of 82 and 78. Senior John Hennessey was tied for seventh at 162 and junior Mark Moshier eleventh at 167. Freshman Scott Shosted was sixteenth at 175. Olson and Eastman were named to the five-man all-conference team. This is the first men's golf conference championship for UMM since their Pioneer Conference Championship in 1965. Pictured, l-r, are Mitch Olson, John Hennessey, Gary McGrath (coach), Shane Eastman, Mark Moshier, and Scott Shosted.



MINORITY STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Members of the UMM Minority Student Alumni Association and guests gathered on June 13 for the group's fourth annual meeting and reception, held on the Twin Cities campus. Dr. Nancy Barcelo, associate vice president for academic affairs and associate provost for minority affairs and diversity, was the special guest from U of M central administration. UMM's new head football coach, John Parker also attended the reception. **FRONT ROW** (l-r): Maniphone Vannavong ('94), Minneapolis; Maypakou Ly ('94), Minneapolis; DeDe Grigsby ('89), Minneapolis; Robin Lee ('93), Minneapolis; Mindi Nelson ('93), St. Paul. **BACK ROW** (l-r): David Kelly ('95), UMM coordinator of alumni affairs; John Parker, UMM head football coach; Laura Parker, Morris; Bill Stewart, director, Minority Student Program; Carlos Gallego ('85), Vadnais Heights; and Joel Kennedy ('88), Eagan.

YOU SAID IT

Comments and Letters From Our Readers

Okay, since I'm the editor, I'll start.

Dear Readers,

Think of a number between one and 14. Got it?

The number is THREE!

Three responses were received regarding the new format of *Profile*. Thanks go to Alumni Association Board members Lisa Gulbranson ('92), Greg Lemmons ('71), and Class Agent Dennis Gimmestad ('73) for their comments. I have tried to incorporate some of them into this edition. The editorial staff -- that would be primarily me -- is always looking for ways in which to improve *Profile*. Which brings me to one of the many ways all of you can contribute to this publication.

Profile invites reader comments and letters on what you see in these pages or on other topics related to UMM. Send letters to *Profile* Editor, Office of University Relations, 11 Education Bldg., 600 East 4th St., UMM, Morris, MN 56267. Due to space limitations, the editor reserves the right to select letters that will appear in this column. All letters must be signed.

So now, you're it! Let's see your letter on these pages in one of the next two issues during winter or spring quarter. -JR

Opinions expressed in *You Said It* do not necessarily reflect the opinions or viewpoint of the University of Minnesota, Morris or the staff of this publication.

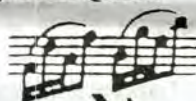
Balancing the Arts...

A Performing Arts Season

A well-balanced season of performing arts — from brass to dance, opera to comedy — will be the fare for those who attend the 1996-97 Performing Arts Series at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Chicago Brass Quintet

With a history of performances as shining as their instruments, the Chicago Brass Quintet opened the series on October 12. As a group they have been touring throughout the United States, Canada and Europe since 1963 and have just released their sixth recording, "Music for Brass and Organ."



The *Washington Post* says: "For anyone whose tastes in brass quintet playing are satisfied by technical brilliance, taut ensemble, flashy programming and a touch of humor, the Chicago Brass Quintet (provides) ample fulfillment..."

Ko-Thi Dance Company

Ko-Thi, from the Sherbro language of Sierra Leone means "to go black, as to search and look for African culture throughout the Diaspora." One of America's leading African-American dance companies, Ko-Thi specializes in African, African-American and Caribbean dance and music. Blending storytelling, drumming, dancing and singing, the dancers will bring roots to life in a performance on Saturday, Jan. 11.

River North Dance Company

"This isn't a 'something for everybody' program — the kind where you endure a few uninspiring works until another winner appears. Instead, it is an 'everything for everyone' program — the kind that keeps you on the edge of your seat from the moment the curtain goes up!" That's how

the *Chicago Tribune* touts River North Dance Company, appearing at UMM on Saturday, Feb. 22. Creating their own innovative choreography as well as incorporating the works of Chicago's newest and brightest choreographers, RNDC enjoys taking it to the max!



Jazz dance is the style, and River North's jazz dance encompasses every possible movement a supple, well-trained body can achieve. Blending contemporary dance styles with popular and recognizable music of the past and present, RNDC commands the stage in number after

electrifying number.

Minnesota Opera—"Carmen"

Enjoy a stimulating evening of live opera — fully staged and costumed — as Bizet's "Carmen" comes to the stage of Edson Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 9. This powerful 90-minute adaptation, created by Minnesota Opera artistic director Dale Johnson, features some of the most famous music ever written including the "Toreador Song" and the seductive "Habanera."

The Reduced Shakespeare Company in "The Complete History of America (Abridged)"

"This trio of modern Marx Brothers will have you in stitches, and we're not talking Betsy Ross," says the *Boston Herald* about one of the world's best known touring comedy troupes, The Reduced Shakespeare Company. The trio has tickled funny bones at the White House, the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center's "Serious Fun Festival," and the American Repertory Theatre in Cam

bridge, Mass. To the irreverent yet informed company, nothing in the 12,000 years of American history is sacred; many of "the facts have been skewed to suggest the paranoid ravings of a particularly loony tabloid."

Queen Ida and the Bon Temps Zydeco Band

Every performance by Grammy award winner Queen Ida and her Zydeco Band is a celebration! "It didn't matter if you were too young, too old, too tired, too sad, too sick, too worried or too inhibited. Queen Ida made you forget all your cares and dance the night away," says the *Los Angeles Times*. Audiences clap, sing, get moving and dance from Carnegie Hall to Tokyo, Dakar to Lake Wobegone, "Saturday Night Live" to "Austin City Limits" — and now to UMM's Edson Auditorium on Friday, April 25.

19th Annual UMM Jazz Fest

In addition to the Performing Arts Series, a collaborative presentation of UMM's Campus Activities Council, Performing Arts Committee and Jazz Ensembles presents the 19th Annual UMM Jazz Fest. Guest artists John Patitucci and Bill Prince will join UMM jazzers in **three big days** of hot jazz. Mark your calendars now for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10, 11 and 12, 1997. Mail orders will be processed February 1, 1997. More details on this event will be available in January. (Note: Season ticket holders will receive a reminder postcard with ticket order form in January.)

All series events will begin at 8:15 p.m. in Edson Auditorium in the UMM Student Center. Seats will be held until 10 minutes prior to curtain time. Due to the nature of the arts industry, artists and dates may change. Event parking is available in the North or West campus parking lots. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request. Please call the UMM Disability



QUEEN IDA & THE BON TEMPS ZYDECO BAND will play to a probable sell-out crowd as the finale of this year's Performing Arts Series on April 25.

ties Coordinator at 320/589-6178.

Individual event prices are \$8 general adult, \$4 senior citizen/children, \$3 UMM students with UMM I.D. Season ticket prices for 1996-97 are \$36 general adult, \$18 senior citizen/children under 12, \$14 UMM students with UMM I.D. Ticket prices for the Jazz Fest event are separate from the series ticket price and will be announced at a later date.

Primary funding for the Performing Arts Series is provided by University of Minnesota, Morris students. The series is made possible by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. In addition, these activities are supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Ko-Thi Dance

Company and River North Dance Company performances are also supported by Arts Midwest, a regional arts organization serving America's heartland, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, and other public private institutions. Major support for The Minnesota Opera Youth Education Programs is provided by the 3M Foundation. The Midwest Education Tour is an activity of The Minnesota Opera and is made possible in part by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature and in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For further information, contact the Office of Student Activities, University of Minnesota, Morris, 600 East Fourth St., Morris, MN 56267, phone: 320/589-6080.

Leslie Meek Receives Research Planning Grant

From UMM student to UMM faculty

Leslie R. Meek ('89), assistant professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota, Morris has been awarded a Research Planning Grant from the National Science Foundation. These awards are made to 1) help increase the

number of new women investigators participating in NSF's research programs, and 2) to facilitate preliminary studies and other activities related to the development of competitive research projects and proposals by women who

have not previously had independent federal research funding.

The Research Planning Grant is limited to women scientists and engineers with a doctoral degree who hold faculty or research-related positions in

colleges, universities and non-profit organizations, who are U.S. citizens, and who have not previously been the principal investigator on any independent federal grant.

RPGs are a limited, one-time grant, that provide up to \$18,000 over 18 months and cover summer salary, professional travel, consultant fees, and other research-related expenses that would enhance the quality of the research. They cover equipment costs in some cases.

Such grants are appropriate for newly independent investigators (usually in their first academic or research appointment), who present a plan for preliminary studies or experiments whose results will be the basis for a regular research proposal to an NSF program.

"The RPG will, of course, provide many more opportunities for undergraduates at UMM to do innovative, publishable research projects," said Meek.

Meek is herself an alumna of UMM, receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology with a biology minor in 1989. She also holds a doctorate in psychology from the University of Michigan, and is a member of a variety of professional organizations, among them the Animal Behavior Society, American Psychological Society, Phi Kappa Phi, Psi Chi, Sigma Delta Epsilon, and The Society for Neuroscience.

As a UMM student, Meek was the recipient of several honors and awards including the Helen and Carl Iverson Scholarship, Scholar of the College, and the Donald G. Paterson Award for Outstanding Psychology Undergraduate in Minnesota. While at the University of Michigan, Meek received the Regent's Scholarship, an NSF Fellowship and was departmental associate, among other citations. Meek is co-author of several articles which document her research in cooperation with other psychologists.

Coach Reese at the Olympics

A Change of (Wrestling) Venue

JUDY RILEY University Relations

"Incredible."

That's how Doug Reese, head wrestling coach at the University of Minnesota, Morris describes his 22-day experience working at the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga.

Reese completed a 20-page application in March 1995 to begin the process of his selection for employment at this year's Olympics. He was invited to work at the World Championships in 1995, at which the approximately 300 employees were trimmed to 89 for Olympics duty. Reese, who was one of two Minnesotans working the competition, credits a part of his selection on the fact that he is on the board of USA Wrestling, the central organization that conducts and sanctions wrestling programs in the nation. The other Minnesotan was Pat Short, whose husband is head coach at Simley High School in Inver Grove Heights.

Initially selected to serve as Results Control Supervisor for the wrestling competition, Reese found himself promoted to Event Manager for Results for Greco-Roman Wrestling upon his arrival in Atlanta. His duties involved entering each round's results into a computer — sometimes within a page 12

two-minute interval from the decision on the mat — to be used by IBM for distribution, by television stations, to be put on the internet, and for all coaches and representatives of each competing country. The preliminary results were tabulated to determine if and how each athlete advanced to the next round.

Although Reese had a firm grasp of computer skills when he went to Atlanta, he affirms that they are definitely improved after his Olympic experience.

The scope of Reese's Olympic employment seems overwhelming from yet another angle. Two hundred wrestlers competed on three mats. There were approximately 189 wrestling employees in various roles to assist in the wrestling competition. Compare this to a Cougar invitational meet, where 300 wrestlers are assisted by 22-25 people.

Reese cited several highlights during his Olympic visit, from the spectacular opening ceremony ("I was too busy watching to take many pictures...") to the friendly people to being a part of world-class competition.

His album of pictures depicts the color and grandeur of many of the Olympic events. He saw the great Rus-

sian wrestler, Alexander Karelin narrowly defeat U.S. wrestler and Reese's colleague Matt Ghafarri for the gold medal. "I talked to Ghafarri on the telephone just yesterday," said Reese. Due to the long hours (5 a.m. to midnight most days), Reese did not see much of the other Olympic competition. He did watch the team handball competition which was being held in another venue in the same building, the Georgia World Congress Center.

Roseann Reese, who joined her husband for five days in Atlanta, had a special highlight of her own. While waiting in a long line to see the wrestling competition, she struck up a conversation with a woman who, when learning that Roseann didn't have tickets to any other events, gave her two tickets to the gymnastics competition. "She skipped a wrestling competition to attend it," quipped Reese.

Reese is no stranger to the world of Greco-Roman wrestling, rigorous training, world-class competition, and winning medals. In addition to his head wrestling coach duties at UMM, Reese is himself a competitor and medalist. He captured the silver medal in the super heavyweight division at the Sec-

ond Veteran's Freestyle World Championships in Toronto, Canada. The event featured over 200 wrestlers from more than 30 countries. He will begin training next week for next year's World Championships in Switzerland.

While the Olympics provided excitement, Reese views the World Championships as more exciting. "There are more rules at the Olympics," says Reese.

Some excitement that the Reese's were fortunate to have missed was the event of the much-publicized bombing in Centennial Park. Although they were some 20 miles from the bombing site and didn't hear the blast, Reese said that they had been at that very spot the night before along with thousands of other visitors.

Would Reese attend another Olympics? Watch for him in Sydney, Australia in the year 2000.

Attention Web Browsers!

Check out the Alumni Association Web Site at www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni
Be sure to drop a line and provide a comment or two.

summerFest 2 It was a beautiful picturesque afternoon; clear blue skies, bright yellow hanging sun, rich green pastures, perfectly grilled burgers and brats, homemade dishes brought by our alums, ice cold beverages, UMM alums laughing and sharing wonderful and exhilarating stories, kids playing in the playhouse, a special visit from our UMM football staff, and the most hospitable hosts.



summerFest 2 Planning Committee: Marian Blattner ('81), convener; Tom Hanson ('84), Dean Penk ('79), Julie Bergh Penk ('80), Barb Opitz ('78), Linda Oslund ('67), Lee Temte ('69).



The Alumni Association expresses its sincere gratitude to Tim ('78) and Deb Peterson for hosting **summerFest 2** a second year at their hobby farm near Litchfield, Minn.

summerFest 3 has tentatively been scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 16, 1997, again at the Peterson's Hobby Farm.

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positions in the Faculty Center for Learning and teaching and the Academic Assistance Center. **Mary Huebner**, formerly of Continuing Education and Extension/University College, had accepted a position in the Post Office. **Jodi Holleman**, formerly of Media Services, has been hired as a temporary replacement in the Athletic Department office.

Ron Kubik, media services assistant technician, received the Breaking the Silence Award at the 1996 Coming Out Ball, held in October on the Minneapolis campus. The award was presented to Kubik "for confronting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identification."

Professor of German **Liselotte Gumpel** spoke in September at a "Cross-sections of Cultures" conference at Istanbul University in Turkey sponsored by the Department of German Studies of the University of Salzburg, Austria. Gumpel's talk, "The Broken Tongue: Impact of Recent German Neologisms on Turkish-Islamic Migrants," was extracted from the poetry of the ancient Greek woman poet Sappho. "I gave this topic as a whole a feminist orientation by pointing out patriarchal values that govern both European and Oriental cultures, specifically as these apply to Germany and Turkey."

Engin A. Sungur, professor of statistics, is one of five professors nationwide to receive an award as a scholar from National Learn and Serve SEAMS (Science, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics, and Computer

Science disciplines). With a grant received from the Corporation for National Service's Learn and Serve America: Higher Education program, Sungur developed a mathematics course in which students were offered a service learning course in mathematics as part of the university's collaborative initiative with the city of Morris. (See story page 10.)

Fred Peterson, professor of art history, was recognized in October at the annual meeting and preservation festival of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota. The association presented Peterson with a P.A.M. Award, in recognition of his many years of research and education in the area of rural heritage, particularly on the topic of barns and farmhouses. He is one of 12 award recipients this year. Peterson is the author of *Homes in the Heartland: Balloon Frame Farmhouses of the Upper Midwest, 1850-1920*.

In Memory

William (Bill) Manney, plant services custodian since March 1974, died June 19, 1996 of a heart attack. Bill worked in the Rodney Briggs Library until the time of his retirement in July 1994.

The wife of **Richard 'Dick' Welsh**, UMM's first University Relations director, died in May. Helen R. Welsh, age 74, died from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

A Friend Remembered

UMM Alumna Linda Schrempp Alberg ('73)

*The University of Minnesota, Morris lost a dear friend in the passing of **Linda Schrempp Alberg (Class of '73)** on June 13, 1996, after a courageous battle with cancer. Upon her death, Linda was associate dean of students at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and had been employed there since 1977. Active in student life on the campus, Linda fostered a sense of community by relating to the world the vision she saw for colleges, student affairs and the renewal of life as she saw it. That vision was extraordinary and she shared that gift willingly and often with the young professionals around her.*

Linda was a resident adviser while at UMM and majored in psychology and sociology. She went on to earn a master's degree from Mankato State University in counseling and guidance.

Linda's spirit reflected inclusion, synchronicity and the love of learning. She continually read and discovered what life had to offer. She consistently modeled the behavior of being connected to the world around her. And her humor was unsurpassed in terms of the richness it added to every aspect of our lives.

Linda's life reflected the kind of student with whom UMM has come to be most proud: intelligent, caring, contributory, giving. In these gifts and more, Linda contributed to the lives of those around her and proliferated the ideal that every person's contribution means something. Certainly Linda's did.

Submitted by
Irene Kovala ('72)

UMM Alumni Association year-end celebration and leadership gathering • June 1996

Alumni Association Board Directors, MSPAA Board Directors, Class Agents, alumni assisting with lobbying efforts, and other core leaders of the Alumni Association were honored for their outstanding commitment and stellar efforts throughout the year.



Tom Zosel ('78), Julie Bergh Penk ('80), and Rick Jauert ('78) listen to vice chancellor for student affairs Gary McGrath's update on the university's student recruitment, retention, and graduation efforts.



Following presentations by Gary McGrath, vice chancellor for student affairs; Maddy Maxeiner, assistant to chancellor for external affairs; and David Kelly, coordinator of alumni affairs, our core leader discussed innovative ideas to encourage increased alumni involvement.



Dean Penk ('79), Marian Blattner ('81), Ron Allen ('78) browse photos from SUMMERfest 1995 and makes plans for the upcoming year.



Greg Lemmons ('71), Curt Loschy ('69) discuss the Phi Mu Delta reunion scheduled over Homecoming Weekend 1996.

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

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the UMTC with a master's degree in industrial relations and is working for AlliedSignal in Cleveland, Tenn., in human resources. Greg graduated from U of M Law School and is working at a corporate law firm in Chattanooga, Tenn. We are living in Cleveland, Tenn."

Gregg and Stacy L. (Rust) Martig recently moved to St. Cloud in June. Gregg will start his second year at Tech High School where he teaches history and coaches football and basketball. On July 26, 1996, they had a baby boy, Jake.

Mindi Nelson is a lab technician with Salvay Animal Health. She lives in Eagan, Minn.

Amy Peper works for Medical Graphics Corp. in St. Paul. She resides in Scandia, Minn.

Trina (Johnson) Riegel recently moved to San Pedro, Calif.

Mark O. Robinson was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps on February 10, 1996. He is a volunteer emergency medical technician, firefighter and rescue specialist for Mahtomedi Fire Department.

Shannon ('94) and Diane (Davignon) Ryks recently moved from Plymouth to Minnetonka, Minn. Shannon works at In Home Health, Inc. in Minnetonka. Diane is the preschool lead teacher at Sheldar Children's World in Plymouth. The couple is expecting their third child in early 1997.

Michelle Sobania is proud to announce her engagement to Bryon Sonquist. The couple plans to marry in July, 1997.

Tina (Wesbur) Stanger is a graduate student at TriCollege University Program through North Dakota State University. Keary Jo, born May 3, 1996, is a proud addition to the Stanger family. She joins one brother, Matthew. The family lives in Fargo, ND.

Mary (Waytershek) Woodford married Eric Woodford July 20, 1996. The couple lives in DeGraff, Minn. She is employed as a public health inspector for Brown-Nicollet Environmental Health and by the School Age Child Care program at Reede Gray Elementary School.

CLASS OF '94

Laura Adams writes us, "I recently moved to Cordova, Alaska (Prince William Sound area) and am working for the Forest Service as a crew supervisor/forestry technician in Chugach National Forest. I'd love to get mail from the outside world!"

Koree (Weedman) Boyle married Jim Boyle on July 13, 1996. Korree is a fourth and fifth multi-age teacher in Chaska-Chanhassen ISD #112 with East Union Elementary. Jim is the agronomy department manager at Mid-County Co-op in Cologne, Minn.

Carrie Bulger works in the Applied Research department at USWest in Denver until next spring, when she will return to Connecticut to finish her Ph.D. work.

Luz M. Cifuentes is the supervisor of the Telecounseling Department in the UMTC Office of Admissions.

Brian Donlan received a master's degree in economics from the University of Iowa in May. He is an actuary with GEICO Insurance in Washington, D.C.

Jeanne Gilbertson returned to Minnesota after two years of graduate school in Kansas. She is an associate engineer for NetStar, Inc. in Eden Prairie, Minn. Jeanne resides in Bloomington, Minn., with kitten, Lucy.

Jeffrey and Christine (Grossman) Hegstad live in Champaign, Ill., where Jeff works on a master's degree in crop science. Christi is working on a master's degree in labor and industrial relations and for an insurance brokerage firm.

Sarah Heymer is a graduate student in computer science at the Institute of Technology, U of M, Minneapolis. She and **Peggy Semmler Beck ('88)** were featured in a careers booklet titled "Women in Computer Science." The booklet is directed at high school and first-year undergraduate women to give them the opportunity to see just what a computer scientist does in the workplace. The booklet project was led by **Dr. Dian Lopez**, UMM faculty member and a member of the Computing Research Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research.

Mark A. and Suzy (Nelson) ('95) Hove were married March 9, 1996 and spent a wonderful week in Hawaii. Mark works at Weisman Enterprises in Minneapolis, and Suzy works for Best Inc., in Roseville. They bought a house in Fridley, Minn.

Kirsten Jaglo-Ottosen is a graduate student at Michigan State University in Lansing. She married in July '94, purchased a house, and is working on her Ph.D. in molecular biology working with plants. Her husband Soren is a biochemist at MSU too.

Brad Kapsner married Rebecca Schmidt in June, 1996. He is employed as a math and science teacher at Cathedral High School/John XXIII Middle School in St. Cloud, Minn.

Glenn B. Longie is a social science analyst for the U.S. Public Health Service in Navajo Area Indian Health. He will be attending the University of Arizona in the fall of 1997 to complete work on his master's degree.

Pakou Ly was appointed as a new Constituent Advocate to Senator Paul Wellstone's St. Paul office. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Southeast Asian Community Council and was active in planning the first International Symposium on Hmong people.

Timna Odegaard recently passed preliminary exams and moved to a new apartment in Durham, N.C. She is a graduate student at Duke University.

Gerda Ottman is a pharmacy resident at University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison. "After finishing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at UMTC, I am now starting my residency training in the land of cheese and beer."

Robert and Kristin (Hart) Pedrow were married August 12, 1995, in Iona, Minn. Robert is employed by The St. Paul Companies, and Kristin is employed by Select Comfort. The couple lives in St. Paul.

Jennifer Rice writes, "I spent the first three weeks of my summer chaperoning 10 of my high school students in France (Paris and the southern region). The true test of my language abilities came during a trip to urgent care with a student! This fall I will start my third year of teaching

French and Talented & Gifted at Mason City High School in Mason City, Iowa."

Brandon Schaust graduated in May from Kansas State University with a master's degree in statistics. He also had the distinct honor of carrying the Olympic torch as it came through the Twin Cities on its way to Atlanta.

Glen and Debbie (Quinn) Schilling were married on May 25, 1996. Debbie is in her clinical rotations for a physician assistant program in Chicago, IL. Glenn owns a well-drilling business in Fairmont, Minn., where they reside.

Bettyjean (Vaughn) Sjoberg received her early childhood and elementary school teaching certificate at Seton Hill College in Greensburg, Pa. Her oldest son, Matt, recently graduated from high school as salutatorian, and youngest son, Alex, started pre-school.

Stacey Sneider was married on June 22, 1996, to Ron Luetmer. The couple lives in Glenwood, Minn.

Jason Wallestad writes, "For the past year and a half, I have been teaching English in the small town of Bonesteel, SD, and have developed a writing program for grades 7-12."

Kirk Walztoni shares, "I am currently living in Wichita, Kan. where I work as a process engineer for Koch Industries (the biggest company you never heard of). Currently living in sin, I plan to get married to Anne Kreuser sometime in the future (though the date does not have any certainty to it as of yet)."

CLASS OF '95

Tayyibah Amatullah (Tasherra Baker) is a name compiler for American Media Associates in Minneapolis.

Chad Amborn is a student at the U of M, Minneapolis. He currently lives in Burnsville, Minn.

Mark Balabon and Tina Frey were married June 24, 1995 in an outdoor ceremony at UMM. The couple currently resides in Worcester, Mass., where Tina is employed as a manager with Au Bon Pain Corp., and Mark is attending the Boston University School of Law.



STUDENTS IN UMM BOOKSTORE Circa Class of 1964

The following is taken from "The Establishment and Early Development of the University of Minnesota, Morris" by Gary McGrath ('68), UMM vice chancellor for student affairs.

The first faculty person hired by Rodney A. Briggs from outside the existing West Central School of Agriculture staff was Steve Granger in the

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spring of 1960.

As a counselor Granger was to help in getting ready for the first group of UMM students in the fall. Granger had recently completed his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota and had accepted a position with the Veteran's Administration hospital in St. Cloud. As Granger tells the story of his hiring:

"My wife, Arden, reminds me that on the same day that I went to Morris for an interview, I came home and explained that I was going to give up my job at the VA Hospital, take a pay cut, we were going to sell our new little house in St. Cloud, and move to Morris and start a new college. It's a little town, not much of a campus, but that man's (Briggs) enthusiasm, his plans, his vision, he was irresistible. That year others, some of UMM's best got the same pitch, and were drawn to the new college by the man and his optimism. Oh yes, and it might be for only one year. But he didn't believe it, so neither did we."

Ponder for the next issue:

Can you name UMM's original 13 faculty members?

Send your answer to *Profile*, Office of University Relations, 11 Education, UMM, Morris, MN 56267-2134

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

Chad Bounds was married August 5, 1995 to Ruth Marie Hendrickson of Forest Lake, Minn. Chad is currently employed at Fargo Electronics in Eden Prairie. The couple resides in Roseville, Minn.

Karin (Hallin) Broeker was married August 19, 1995 to Chad Broeker of West Terre Haute, Ind. The couple is at home in Tucson, Ariz., where Chad is senior airman in the USAF.

Brandon Burbach does molecular biology and antibiotics research as a microbiology lab technician at the University of South Dakota. He plans to visit the acclaimed Alumni Garden below his beloved old room in Spooner Hall.

Krista Campbell is a Client Service Representative at Christ Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago.

Onika Craven writes, "I recently started to work for Hennepin County as a correctional officer at the Juvenile Detention Center. I enjoy working with the kids, even though they may have a few problems. My job is to make sure they don't come back to the center by getting them on the right side of the track; by giving them hope!"

Melinda Crawford is in her second year at Tiospa Zina Tribal School. She teaches K-1, and recently finished her master's in elementary education this past summer.

Shelby Ehrenberg writes, "I just got back from a wild time in Europe. I started a new job in specialized finance at First Trust in St. Paul and love it! I will also be attending the U for the evening master's program in industrial relations. I am moving to Burnsville in late September to suburbia and a garage for my car in the winter! Can't wait."

Amy Erickson is employed with West Publishing Co. in Eagan, Minn. She currently resides in Little Canada, Minn.

Arlene (Kruize) Fufts was named executive director of the Alexandria Runestone Museum. She and her husband, Steve, have six children.

Suzu (Nelson) and Mark ('94) Hove were married March 9, 1996 and spent a wonderful week in Hawaii. Mark works at Weisman Enterprises in Minneapolis, and Suzu works for Best Inc. in Roseville. They recently bought a house in Fridley, Minn.

Kimberly Johnson writes, "I recently returned from D.C. where I was an editorial intern at a travel & reporter for the *St. James Plaindealer*."

Kori L. (DeMars) Johnson recently married David Johnson May 18, 1996. The couple lives in Buffalo, Minn.

Kristi Jo Kampmann shares, "After finishing paralegal training in February, I decided to stay in Denver (60 degree days in January helped the decision). I am now working as an office manager/paralegal for a Securities/Corporate Law attorney in the heart of Downtown Denver. The summer has been busy with entertaining friends and family from Minn. and a trip to Las Vegas."

UMM is proud to have **David L. Kelly** as the new coordinator of Alumni Affairs. As coordinator, David works with UMM's alumni leadership - including the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Class Agents, and the Minority Student Program Alumni Association - to develop and manage alumni events including Homecoming and reunions, and other programs and activities designed to involve a diverse and broad spectrum of alumni in the life of UMM.

Jane (Ludwig) Langman recently married Jim Langman of Alexandria May 18, 1996. She is employed part-time as a staff writer for the *Echo Press* in Alexandria and part-time as a receptionist and piano teacher for Alexandria Music Store.

Brian "Doogie" McDougall is a software in-

structor with Postalsoft Inc. in LaCrosse, Wis.

Justin Miller was in Pittsburgh, Pa., to present his research paper, "Accurate Replication in Genetic Algorithms."

Christopher Muellerleile has been traveling, but his address is the same.

David Ness teaches history and government at Houston High School in Houston, Minn. In addition, he coaches football and track.

Ross Patullo and Sharon Bernardy married August 19, 1995. Ross is employed by Allied Interstate in St. Louis Park, and Sharon is a registered nurse at VA Medical Center in Minneapolis. The couple lives in New Brighton, Minn.

Christopher Rauschl is currently in his second year at the University of Minnesota Law School. This summer he studied law in Madrid, Spain and traveled Europe for a month as well.

Roxanne Rooney is a substitute teacher and foster parent in Kensington, Minn.

Jennifer Smith writes, "I am starting my second year teaching at Tiospa Zina Tribal School in Sisseton, SD. I teach a section of K-1 while my UMM classmate **Mindy Crawford** teaches the other section. I am also a cheerleading advisor and head volleyball coach.

Lori (Hauer) Thorson was planning to be married to Shawn Thorson on September 28, 1996. She is currently pursuing a degree in clinical laboratory science at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis.

Bob Rolle ('94) and Jessica Trites are proud to announce their engagement. They plan to marry on June 21, 1997 (summer solstice) with the ceremony and reception to be held outdoors. Jessica works full-time at North American Crop Underwriters, Inc., a crop insurance company, as

a software coordinator and marketer. Bob is currently employed at the State Department of Labor and Industry in St. Paul.

Scott VanEps is a build administrator with Fourth Shift Corporation in Bloomington, Minn. Fourth Shift writes software for manufacturing companies around the world. Other UMM alum working there include **Scott Kalb ('92)**, **Basil Meyer ('88)**, and **Mark Dossall ('90)**.

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Shawna Ehlers graduated summa cum laude December 10, 1995 from the UMMC. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and plans to attend graduate school.

Cory and Jessica (Johnson) Hanna were recently married. Cory was accepted into the Air Force as an officer.

Kathleen Kinyon was awarded a two-year fellowship for biotechnology research as a graduate student at Washington State University.

Holly Miller married Kyle Lucke of Rochester, Minn. on March 30, 1996. Both are associate computer programmers with IBM in Rochester.

Chris Runsewe was named as the new minority services director at Rainy River Community College in International Falls, Minn. His goal is to bring cultural diversity and sensitivity to the community and to provide a support system to minority students.

Maean Mariah (Miller) Unser was married to Darrin L. Unser in Aberdeen, SD, on August 17, 1996.

Jason and Tali (Sannes) Venhuizen were united in marriage June 17, 1995 in Wolf Lake, Minn. Both are employed by North Country Regional Health Services in Bemidji, where they are currently living.

Alumna, CIRCA founder/director Schackmann Flechsig opens HFA gallery season

Exhibit showed combined alumni achievements

Wanda Schackmann Flechsig ('79), founder/director of CIRCA Gallery in Minneapolis, selected works for the first show in the 1996-97 Gallery exhibition season. The exhibit, which ran through Homecoming weekend, consisted of two related parts, each representing the achievement and work of UMM alumni.

Flechsig selected works by

artists she represents in the Twin Cities. Also on display were works from the UMM Graphic Studio Collection, created by UMM studio art majors working in woodcut, etching, lithograph, intaglio, and silk-screen. The prints, dating from 1967 to 1995, constitute a history of serious, continuous, disciplined effort to create quality work.

The CIRCA Gallery opened

in September 1990 in the warehouse district of Minneapolis, and moved to its present location on Hennepin Avenue in 1992. Flechsig attributes the success of the gallery to the quality of the CIRCA artists and their work. The gallery's mission is to create an awareness, discernment, and appreciation of an array of contemporary styles, media, and expressions of the artists that CIRCA rep-

resents.

The next exhibit, scheduled to run November 4-December 4, will be paintings by Kathryn Arnold and Curtis Bartone.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.



ALL PART OF THE MASTER PLAN Four UMM students provided the music during the Board of Regents Master Plan Celebration, held on the UMM campus Mall in September. Musicians are Dan Dragland ('99), Brooklyn Park, guitar; David Howes ('98), Delano, drums; Patrick Jarvis ('97) Woodbury, alto saxophone; and John Retrum ('96), Willmar, bass.

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Thank you!

Calendar of Events

At the University of Minnesota, Morris and Elsewhere

November 9	Performing Arts Series: Minnesota Opera: Saturday "Carmen" UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium 8:15 p.m.	February 20 Thursday	Third Annual UMM Mid-Winter Night's Dream Summit Manor Reception House 275 Summit Avenue, St. Paul 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
November 11-12 Mon-Tues	Fall Alumni Phonathon Capital Title Corporation, Arden Hills 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.	February 22 Saturday	Performing Arts Series: River North Dance Co. UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium 8:15 p.m.
December 5-8 Th-Su	Carol Concerts Humanities Fine Arts Center, Proscenium Theatre 7:30 p.m. (Th-Sa); 3 & 7:30 p.m. (Su)	March 10-11 Mon-Tues	Spring Alumni Phonathon Capital Title Corporation, Arden Hills 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
December 7 Saturday	UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors UMM Student Center, Alumni Room 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	April 10-11-12 Th-Fri-Sa	Performing Arts Series: 19th Annual Jazz Fest UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
January 11 Saturday	Performing Arts Series: Ko-Thi Dance Company UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium 8:15 p.m.	April 25 Friday	Performing Arts Series: Queen Ida and the Bon Temps Zydeco Band UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium 8:15 p.m.
January 29 Wednesday	Performing Arts Series: The Reduced Shakespeare Company in "The Complete History of America (Abridged)" UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium 8:15 p.m.	April 26 Saturday	UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors UMM Student Center, Alumni Room 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
February 15 Saturday	UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors UMM Student Center, Alumni Room 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.		

Now here's an EVENT for ya!

"UMM is great place to lay a foundation for success and a great place for building memories...not memories of hatred, fear, or disgust, but memories of good times, friendships, and everlasting learning experiences...Memories that reflect our reality - a reality that says we have more things to worry about than one another's color! That is why I proposed the Diversity Jam idea to UMM faculty and staff. We need to find our common ground so that we may properly lay a foundation for success while building great memories of our time at UMM." -Malinda Miller ('95)

A student-initiated celebration that was born out of the creativity and vision of UMM student Malinda Miller, took place on the first Friday of the fall quarter. The first-ever Diversity Jam, focusing on "Valuing Differences; Finding Common Ground," drew students, faculty and staff together into Oyate Hall for great music, beverages and, most importantly, encouraged all to celebrate and make a commitment concerning diversity. (It is reported that one of the many unscheduled highlights of the event was Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Gary McGrath's Macarena dance debut. [No, he's not scheduled to appear as part of next year's Performing Arts Series].)

As each attendee was invited to make her/his own personal commitment to diversity, each was offered a "finding common ground" T-shirt. The event kicked off a yearlong Campus of Difference initiative. Look for more on the Campus of Difference in the winter quarter edition of *Profile*.

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